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GENERAL VIEW.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND

HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND

MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1908
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED *and* THIRTEENTH YEAR

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OF PENNSYLVANIA
1795–1908

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

MARCH 5, A. D. 1908, A. I. 2438.

PRESENT:

Comp.	WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	CARL A. SUNDSTROM,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER, Past Grand High Priest,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	STOCKTON BATES,	*acting M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	REV. THOMPSON P. EGE,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	REV. CHARLES H. BOND,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	DANIEL W. HUTCHIN,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	SAMUEL LAUGHLIN,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	JOHN C. TAYLOR,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	BENJAMIN BISWANGER,	as *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE,	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	FRANK W. MARTENIS,	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	GEORGE B. WELLS,	*Grand Marshal.*
"	G. ELLWOOD WAGNER,	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	STEPHEN H. APPLETON,	as *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG,	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,	*Grand Tyler.*

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District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions JOHN B. SPRENKEL, ALLEN S. HECKMAN, REUBEN A. ZIMMERMAN, HENRY L. MOORE, PETER K. FILBERT, WILLIAM F. SHAY, MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, WALTON K. SWETLAND, WINFIELD S. BELL, WILLIAM NAGEL, CHARLES E. COOPER.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, EDGAR A. TENNIS, EZRA S. BARTLETT, EDWARD B. SPENCER, HENRY OSCAR KLINE.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" WILLIAM M. DONALDSON of Colorado.
" DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" H. OSCAR KLINE, of Grand Chapter of Florida.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" JOHN A. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.
" SAMUEL W. WRAY, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
" EDGAR A. TENNIS, of Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" ALEXANDER MCCUNE, of Grand Chapter of Maine.
" MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" CHARLES F. WIGNALL, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" EZRA S. BARTLETT, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" JAMES H. CODDING, of Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" LOUIS WAGNER, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 159, 163, 169, 170, 171, 173, 175, 182, 183, 185, 189, 190, 192, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203, 208, 216, 217, 219, 226, 228, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 239, 240, 243, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 252, 256, 257, 258, 262, 263, 266, 267, 270, 271, 273, 277, 278, 284. (59 Chapters.) (156 members.) (44 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held on St. John's Day, Friday, December 27, 1907, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 161, 164, 172, 195, 203, 204, 248, 250, 258, 259 and 278 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5, 1908.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Edward B. Spencer, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary, from November 20, 1907, to February 28, 1908, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance on hand, November 20, 1907,		$1,763 94
RECEIPTS.		
From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$8,858 10	
From Interest on Investments,	178 75	
From Constitutions,	17 00	
From Certificates,	12 00	9,065 85
		10,829 79
EXPENDITURES.		
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest,	$750 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests,	880 24	
Masonic Home,	1,000 00	
Salaries,	687 50	
Printing, Postage and Stationery,	167 68	3,485 42
Balance on hand, March 1, 1908,		$7,344 37

We offer the following recommendation, and ask for its adoption, as well as the resolution:—

Whereas, owing to the illness of Companion Charles Cary, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; all the duties of the office have devolved upon and been performed by Companion Stockton Bates, Assistant to the Grand Secretary, we would therefore recommend that an additional sum of fifty dollars per month be paid to Companion Stockton Bates as compensation for extra services, to be computed from November 1, 1907, and to be continued for such time as Companion Charles Cary may be so ill as to be unable to perform the duties of Grand Secretary, and are performed by said Companion Bates. And we offer the following resolution:

Resolved:—that the recommendation of the Committee on Finance be adopted, and that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to draw his Warrant on the Grand Treasurer in favor of Companion Stockton Bates for such extra compensation.

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
JACOB W. JACKSON,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,
Committee.

It was, on motion, Resolved, that the resolution attached to the above report be adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and the Resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5, 1908.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed new codes of By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 164, 172, 204 and 250, and the proposed amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 161, 195, 203, 248, 258, 259 and 278, and respectfully offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved:—that the proposed new codes of By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 164 and 204 be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed new code of By-Laws of Chapter No. 250 be

amended by striking out all of Article X, and inserting in its place Article X of the code prescribed by the Grand Chapter;—by striking out all of Articles XIII and XIV, and re-numbering Article XV as XIII, and, as so amended they be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed new code of By-Laws of Chapter No. 172 be not approved, but referred back to said Chapter with directions to adopt By-Laws in accordance with the Form prescribed by the Grand Chapter.

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 161, 195, 203, 248, 258, 259 and 278 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed) EDGAR A. TENNIS,
STEPHEN H. APPLETON,
JOHN E. POORE,
Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, March 5, 1908.

William B. Meredith, Esq.
M. E. Grand High Priest.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing beg leave to report that bids for printing and publishing the Proceedings of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1907 were asked from several reputable firms, and the contract was awarded the lowest bidder, Messrs. MacCalla & Company, Incorporated.

The work is now being distributed in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed) LOUIS M. WAGNER,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
ROBERT F. MUSTIN, JR.
Committee.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 21, 43, 52, 150, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 171, 173, 174, 177, 178, 179, 181, 185, 186, 187, 192, 194, 196, 201, 203, 204, 205, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 217, 218, 220, 222, 224, 225, 227, 228, 230, 233, 236, 237, 238, 240,

241, 243, 244, 246, 249, 252, 255, 259, 260, 261, 263, 265, 267, 268, 269, 272, 273, 275, 276, 280, 285, and Mark Lodges Nos. 91, 214, and 216; which were ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was received from Chapter No. 282, asking permission to receive a fourth petition from Brother J——— A. S————, whereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved:—that permission be granted under the usual restrictions.

A petition was received from a number (48) of Royal Arch Masons for a Warrant for a new Chapter to be held at Wilmerding, Allegheny County, to be called "Valley" Royal Arch Chapter, No.——.

A Petition was received from a number (103) of Royal Arch Masons for a new Chapter to be held in Pittsburgh, North Side, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, to be called "Mizpah" Royal Arch Chapter, No. —.

On motion, the above Petitions were referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion GEORGE VANVLIET, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Ma-

sons of the State of New York. Died November 1, 1907.

M. E. Companion JAMES W. BOWERS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Died January 8, 1908.

R. E. Companion ROBERT V. HAMPSON, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio. Died January 14, 1908.

A communication was received from ——— Royal Arch Chapter, No. —, asking that the "Grand Chapter dues of ——— Royal Arch Chapter, No. —, for the year 1907," amounting to —— dollars, be remitted.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the request was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion George W. Kendrick, Jr., duly made and seconded, the Secretary was directed to convey to Past Grand High Priests M. E. Companions Matthias H. Henderson and James S. Barber, and to the M. E. Grand Secretary Companion Charles Cary, the kindliest expressions of fraternal love and sympathy of the members of this Grand Chapter for them; with the earnest hope that the health of each will improve and that they may be long spared to honor this Grand Chapter and be esteemed by its members.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the pur-

pose of exemplifying the Mark Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and five minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
JUNE 4, A. D. 1908, A. I. 2438.

PRESENT:

Comp.	William B. Meredith,	.	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	Carl A. Sundstrom, .	.	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	A. G. Criswell Smith,	.	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Edward B. Spencer, Past Grand High Priest,	.	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Stockton Bates,	. *acting*	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Rev. Thompson P. Ege,	.	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Wm. B. Chalfant, D.D.	.	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Charles H. Bond,	.	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Daniel W. Hutchin, .	.	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	Samuel Laughlin, .	.	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	John C. Taylor, .	.	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	John S. Robb, . .	as	*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	S. E. Burke Kinsloe, .	.	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	Frank W. Martenis, .	.	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	George B. Wells, .	.	*Grand Marshal.*
"	G. Ellwood Wagner, .	.	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Wesley R. Morgan, .	as	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	August P. Kunzig, .	.	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	William B. Joslyn, .	.	*Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions Henry A. Jenks, John B. Sprenkel, Allen S. Heckman, Henry L. Moore, Peter K. Filbert, William F. Shay, George W. Vernes, Winfield S. Bell, John C. Wallace.

Past Grand High Priests:—Companions Hibbert P. John, Ezra S. Bartlett, Edward B. Spencer.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" CHARLES F. WIGNALL, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" EZRA S. BARTLETT, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" WILLIAM A. SINN, of Grand Chapter of Texas.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 91, 150, 152, 163, 169, 170, 175, 181, 182, 183, 190, 196, 197, 198, 199, 202, 208, 216, 219, 220, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 240, 243, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 252, 256, 257, 258, 262, 266, 270, 271, 278, 284. (45 Chapters.) (112 members.) (62 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 5, 1908, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 172, 199, 206, 216, and 288, and of proposed Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 170, 223, 236 and 237, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29, 1908.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Edward

B. Spencer, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary, from February 28, 1908, to May 29, 1908, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance on hand, March 1, 1907,		$7,344 37
RECEIPTS.		
From Chapters and Mark Lodges,	188 40	
From Interest on Investments,	414 10	
From Certificates,	2 00	
From Constitutions,	5 00	
From Dispensations,	2 00	
From Warrants,	300 00	911 50
		$8,255 87
EXPENDITURES.		
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest,	$1,250 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests,	71 06	
Salaries,	962 50	
Printing, Postage and Stationery,	832 79	
Clothing, Furniture, etc.,	44 25	$3,160 60
Balance on hand, May 29, 1908,		$5,095 27

In the matter of the request of ——— Royal Arch Chapter, No. ———, for the remission of dues for 1907, referred to this Committee, the following Resolution is recommended for favorable action by the Grand Chapter:

Resolved:—that by the request of ——— Royal Arch Chapter, No. ———, the dues for 1907, amounting to ——— dollars, be remitted.

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
JACOB W. JACKSON,
Committee.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the resolution attached to the report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following

Report, which was received and the Resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, June 1, 1908.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws beg leave to report that they have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws submitted to them, and respectfully offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 216 be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 288 be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 206 be amended by striking out the words "Beaver Falls, Pa.," in second line of Article I. and that Article IV., Section 6, be amended by adding after No. 206, in the fourth line, the words "their successors and assigns," and as so amended be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 172 be amended by striking out the words "or second" in the ninth and tenth lines of Article IV., Section 1, and by striking out all of Section 6, of said Article, and inserting in its place Section 6 of the Authorized Code of By-Laws, and as so amended, be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 199 be not approved and that said Chapter be directed to adopt new By-Laws strictly in accordance with the Code authorized by The Grand Chapter.

Resolved:—that the proposed amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 170, 223, 236 and 237 be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDGAR A. TENNIS,
JOSEPH M. WIATT,
STEPHEN H. APPLETON,
JOHN E. POORE,
Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest Companion William B. Meredith, addressed Grand Chapter and in a most fraternal and touching manner referred to the death of Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion, James Shallcross Barber.

He paid an eloquent tribute to his worth as a Companion Royal Arch Mason, and announced that he

had directed Past High Priest Companion Stockton Bates to prepare and present to The Grand Chapter a suitable minute that would enshrine his memory and acknowledge his services to the fraternity.

Past High Priest Companion Stockton Bates then read a paper in memory of James Shallcross Barber Past Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, which was listened to with sympathetic attention by the Companions.

IN MEMORY OF

JAMES SHALLCROSS BARBER,

Past Grand High Priest of

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

A pebble cast in Ocean's farthest deep,
Impels the wave to its remotest shore;
The wid'ning circles, with concentric sweep,
Break on the strand and mingle in the roar.

So words that drop from lips or wise or dull
In every language and in every clime
Roll on their waves, with sound or import full,
Until they break upon the shores of time.

Verily is it a truth that "no man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself." For whether he live or die, he makes his impress on his fellow men. As surely as the wave reaches its farthest shore, so surely does the impression one creates in his life undulate unto the shores of time.

Sometimes it may seem as though one were forgotten, but this is only a seeming. Sometime, some-

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where, the memory is stirred and the pulse throbs with a quickened impulse as the influence of a dead past makes itself felt.

To-night we recall the presence and feel the influence of

JAMES SHALLCROSS BARBER.

His was a marked personality. To a modesty amounting almost to self-abnegation was joined a courage that needed no spur. He was modest because he knew his limitations. He was courageous because he knew that the performance of duty required courage.

It was his unhesitating act that made clandestine Masonry, as embodied in the "Cerneau Rite," perish from this Masonic Jurisdiction.

What then of this life as represented in this personality which memory now recalls to us? It came into being March 22, 1837, at Bloomfield, Connecticut. But so early in his existence did his parents remove to Philadelphia, that this city may justly claim him as her own. He was educated in our public schools and graduated from the Central High School, when that institution was situated at the corner of Market and Juniper Streets, on a portion of the site now occupied by the Wanamaker Store. His class developed many who afterward achieved distinction in their chosen fields of activity. With these he remained always in sympathetic touch and by them was cherished in return.

He wrote a free, bold hand which attracted atten-

tion and in his earlier Masonic career he was impressed into the service of writing up Masonic records. The names and Masonic history of many now living may be found upon the Grand Chapter Folios, written by him. This experience supplementing a remarkably retentive memory, placed him in a class by himself. He knew and could vouch for more members of the Masonic Fraternity than any one not trained to this special service. He not only knew names and faces but the business or professional occupations of their owners.

He was essentially a technical ritualist. He knew the "Work" and he also knew the Constitution. He knew the unwritten law and he also knew the decisions that made law.

The Masonic Fraternity did not absorb him as a callow youth, for he was thirty-two years of age before he was admitted as an Entered Apprentice in Perkins Lodge, No. 402. From that time on his progress up the Masonic ladder was persistent and rapid.

Only six years elapsed between this first step and his occupation of the Oriental Chair.

In 1870 he became a Mark Master Mason in Oriental R. A. Chapter, No. 183. He was its High Priest in 1875, and a M. E. Grand High Priest in 1889.

A Royal Master in Philadelphia Council, No. 11, in 1871, he was Thrice Illustrious Master in 1874, and Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1882.

A Red Cross Knight in Mary Commandery, No. 36,

K. T., in 1870, he was its Eminent Commander in 1878.

He began with the Scottish Rite Degrees in Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection in 1871, was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33° in 1874, and was Commander-in-Chief of Philadelphia Consistory in 1883.

From this record it will be seen that Companion Barber was a Past Officer of every Masonic body of which he was a member, except in the Grand Lodge and the Grand Commandery.

He loved the principles and teachings of the Fraternity and made them manifest in his life. Happy was that body which possessed him as a Past Officer. He permitted nothing to interfere with his attendance and his presence assured the presiding officer that all worthy ones who knocked at the portals would be duly vouched for and admitted. Happy was the occupant of the Oriental Chair in knowing that an epitome of the law was within easy reach of consultation.

But with all his love of Free Masonry it was not his religion; for he was a consistent and much-loved member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His family life was pure and wholesome. In this circle his death caused a void which only the merciful hand of time can fill. Let our thoughts reach out to this family in sympathetic love and affection in the full hope that the fragrant memories of a well-spent life, as father, counsellor and friend, will act as a healing balsam that will leave only pleasant memories where now throb stricken hearts.

Companion Barber had a varied business life. After leaving school he went with his father in the clock business at Second and Chestnut Streets. Subsequently he became connected with the firm of Baker and Folsom, Shipping and Commission merchants; and later, at about the time of the breaking out of the Civil War, he engaged with a manufacturing firm at Ninth Street and Columbia Avenue. Becoming interested in this business he, in 1863, took the Fairmount Print Works at Twenty-Fifth and Callowhill Streets, operating under the firm name of Monarch and Barber.

At the breaking out of the oil fever in Pennsylvania he, as with many another, became deeply interested in this exploitation and speculation. He invested largely, was Secretary of a number of Companies and reaped only experience and worthless stock as his reward in this field of endeavor.

In 1866 his father offered him a partnership in a new venture as dealers in paper stock, mill boards, etc. This was accepted and the firm was launched under the name of J. & J. S. Barber. As a member of this firm and afterward under his own name, Companion Barber remained in the paper stock business until the day of his death, Wednesday, April 1, 1908.

So passed from the scenes of this life one whose friends were many and whose enemies were few. To say that he had none would imply a character negative for either good or ill. But Companion Barber's character was not negative. He had the courage of his convictions. When he felt that he was approach-

ing his end, he declined re-election as Treasurer of Oriental R. A. Chapter and resigned from the Board of Managers of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania. No more pathetic parting was ever witnessed than that which occurred when he resigned from the Board of the Masonic Home.

Realizing his failing health but with a courage magnificent in its manly composure, he bade a calm farewell to his Companions of the Board at its last December meeting. So genuine were the expressions of sorrow on the part of those from whom he was separating and so acceptable were these expressions to him, that he might have used the beautiful and poetic words:

"Why wait until my labor's ended?
Don't you think it better if you said,
'Please accept this little bunch of roses,
You want them now, not when you are dead.' "

"For in your garden there are many roses,
And their blossoms, like our years, are sped;
Really, I am very fond of roses,
But I want them now, not when I'm dead."

How beautiful was the response for he received his roses then and there—roses of an undying friendship —roses of a warm hand-clasp given with brotherly love—roses of fraternal fragrance from the blessed gardens of Freemasonry.

Companion Barber needs no monument, for another poet has sung:

"Trust not a stone to bear thy name:
The Fame is lost which it imparts.
Who for his dust a tear would claim,
Must write his name on living hearts—
And they will bear it on to fame.
Its sound shall make their pulses thrill
When, heeding neither praise nor blame,
Who bore it slumbers cold and still.

The following resolution in writing, offered by Companions John C. Wallace, S. E. Burke Kinsloe, George W. Vernes, William Field Shay, Winfield S. Bell, John B. Sprenkel and Peter K. Filbert, to wit:

Resolved—that a Committee of five be appointed to act in conjunction with the elective Grand Officers, to revise and amend the Constitution and submit their report to The Grand Chapter for action.

Which was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Past Grand High Priests M. E. Companions Hibbert P. John, Henry Oscar Kline and J. Henry Williams and Companions John C. Wallace and William L. Gorgas a Committee to act in conjunction with the elective grand officers of Grand Chapter in pursuance of the foregoing resolution.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion Eugene T. Murchison, Past

Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Died February 12, 1908.

M. E. Companion Dwight Waugh, M. E. Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Died February 29, 1908.

M. E. Companion John Samuel Titcomb, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado. Died March 18, 1908.

E. Companion Uriah Chester, Grand Chaplain of the M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died March 29, 1908.

M. E. Companion Norman Curtis Daniels, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, State of Wisconsin. Died March 30, 1908.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified by Chester Royal Arch Chapter, No. 258.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

SEPTEMBER 3, A. D. 1908, A. I. 2438.

PRESENT:

Comp.	WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	CARL A. SUNDSTROM,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER, Past Grand High Priest,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	STOCKTON BATES,	*acting M. E. Grand Secretary*
"	REV. THOMPSON P. EGE.	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	REV. HORACE F. FULLER,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	DANIEL W. HUTCHIN,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	SAMUEL LAUGHLIN,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	JOHN C. TAYLOR,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	HARRY KESSNER,	as *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	JOHN H. CRANKSHAW,	as *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	FRANK W. MARTENIS,	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
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Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 170, 171, 175, 182, 183, 190, 196, 197, 198, 199, 202, 208, 215, 216, 219, 226, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 240, 243, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 256, 257, 258, 262, 266, 270, 271, 278, 284. (44 Chapters.) (137 members.) (36 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, June 4, 1908, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 287, 289, and 236 and 248 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance made the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 28, 1908.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Edward B. Spencer, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary, from May 29, 1908, to August 27, 1908, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance on hand, May 31, 1907,		$5,095 27
RECEIPTS.		
From Chapters and Mark Lodges,	$243 10	
From Interest on Investments,	178 75	
From Certificates,	10 00	
From Constitutions,	1 00	432 85
		$5,528 12
EXPENDITURES.		
Salaries	$862 50	
Clothing and Furniture,	12 85	
Printing and Stationery,	101 27	
Investment,	2,067 50	3,044 12
Balance in hands of M. E. Grand Treasurer, August 27, 1908,		$2,484 00

The M. E. Grand High Priest has expressed a desire to have an additional appropriation of three hundred dollars ($300.00) to enable him to finish his planned series of Grand Visitations throughout the Jurisdiction. Your Committee recommend the additional appropriation and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved:—That the recomendation of the Finance Committee to appropriate three hundred dollars ($300.00) additional for the use of the M. E. Grand High Priest, be approved and that the M. E. Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to draw an order on the M. E. Grand Treasurer for such additional amount when needed.

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,
JACOB W. JACKSON,
Committee.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Resolution attached to the report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following Report, which was accepted, and the Resolutions attached thereto were, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, September 3, 1907.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed New Codes of By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 287 and 289, and the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 236 and 248, and respectfully offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved:—that the proposed New Code of By-Laws of Chapter No. 287 be approved.

Resolved—that the proposed New Code of By-Laws of Chapter No. 289, be amended by strikng out all of section 2, Article X., and inserting in its place all of Section 2, Article X., of the Code prescribed by The Grand Chapter, and, as so amended, be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 236 and 248 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

EDGAR A. TENNIS,
JOHN E. POORE,
JOSEPH W. KENWORTHY,
For Committee.

The M. E. Grand Secretary presented the following Report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 3, A. D. 1908

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ending on December 27, 1907, as follows:

CHAPTERS.

Membership, December 27, 1906 as per last report,			26,691
Admitted during the year 1907,	92		
Restored to Membership,	67		
Marked, etc.,	2,180		2,339
Total,			29,030

Deduct.

Died during the year 1907,	437	
Resigned or Membership ceased,	224	
Suspended or expelled,	192	853
Membership, December 27, 1907, per returns,		28,177
A net gain of	1,486	
Rejected during 1907,	141	
Restored to G. M. S.,	17	

MARK LODGES.

Membership, December 27, 1906,		521
Admitted during the year 1907,		8
		529

Deduct.

Died during the year 1907,	21	
Resigned,	1	22
Membership, December 27, 1907, per returns,		507
Number of Chapters, December 27, 1907,	127	
Number of Mark Lodges,	3	

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CHARLES CARY.
Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS

From General Returns of Chapters to December 27, 1907.

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
3	Jerusalem,	46	7	8	5	5	493
21	Perseverance,	17	3	7		1	241
43		17	1	5		2	296
52	Harmony,	46	7	18	24	3	1195
91	Columbia,	69	2	7	2	8	659
150	Washington,	15	3	4		1	247
152	Reading,	10	2	8		6	231
159	Schuylkill,	5					43
161	Union,	6	1	4	2		225
162	Zerubbabel,	97	11	15	3	4	1065

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
163	LaFayette,	1		3	1		120
164	Brownsville,	7		1			141
165	Union,	10	6	2		1	216
166	Mount Moriah,	1		3			100
167	Eureka,	17		2			130
169	Philadelphia,	19	5	4	2	3	269
170	Delta,	35	7	5	3	2	319
171	St. John's,	8	1	1		1	117
172	Temple,	14		1		2	108
173	Easton,	29		5	1	3	263
174	Northumberland,	16		2		1	104
175	Keystone	33	2	10	9	4	555
176	George Washington,	8	1	2			116
177	Tamaqua,	9		1			62
178	Catawissa,	3					31
179	Eureka,	16		3			152
180	Warren,	5	1	2			34
181	Lilly,	4		4			122
182	Shekinah,	36	8	3	2	10	371
183	Oriental,	42	1	28	36	1	1155
185	Lackawanna,	47	4	3	2	10	433
186	Lewistown,	7		4			93
187	Oriental,	9		1			78
189	Mountain,	13		8			335
190	Norristown,	21		9	2	1	385
191	Solomon,	6		3	1	3	81
192	Urania,	23	1	6			305
193	Duquesne,	66	3	9		3	843
194	Tioga,	5	2	2			62
195	Portage,	9	1				188
196	Mountain City,	13		1			147
197	Weidle,	10		3			139
198	Phœnix,	17		2	3	1	219
199	Howell,	14	3	4	1	1	214
200	Columbus,	9	2	1	2	2	99
201	Standing Stone,	2		2			98
202	Howell,	14		3	1		109
203	Allen,	18	1	7			254
204	Anthony Wayne,	3		1	1		71
205	Factoryville,	8		1	1		64
206	Harmony,	19		2		4	124
207	Aaron,	1					58

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
208	Germantown,	28	4	4	1	4	253
209	Samuel C. Perkins,	6					74
210	Great Bend,	2	1		1		38
211	Venango,	19	1	2	1		206
212	Mound,	10	1	2			154
214	Valley,	2		5	16	3	78
215	Temple,	11	2	5	1		274
216	Zinzendorf,	13	2	1	1		127
217	Allegheny,	60		18	1		812
218	Bloomsburg,	11					80
219	Griscom,	8		2			99
220	Fort Washington,	4					40
221	Tremont,	9		1			78
222	Lycoming,	42	1	7	1		353
223	Oxford,	10					97
224	Corinthian,	7		5			123
225	Jefferson,	21		1	1	5	257
226	Siloam,	17	2	8	4	2	228
227	Emporium,	9	1	1	1		86
228	Clearfield,	8		2		1	172
230	Elk,	12	3	2		4	139
232	St. John,	17	3	8	17	4	277
233	Kensington,	40	3	10	7	6	528
234	Media,	9	1	2			100
235	Occidental,	13	4	1		6	141
236	Oil City,	32	3	1	1		182
237	Excelsior,	16	5	12	1	2	435
238	Newport,	2					57
239	Danville,	8		1		4	77
240	Palestine,	32	4	7	4	2	524
241	Bellefonte,	3	1	1			106
242	Pittston,	8		1	1	6	129
243	T. B. Freeman,	49	1	15	9	2	746
244	Norman,	15					169
245	Abington,	5		3	1		83
246	Warrior Run,	6		2			105
247	Orient,	33		2	2	3	250
248	Temple,	44		2	3	3	277
249	Monongahela,	21		1		3	230
250	Corinthian,	25		12	2		347
251	Signet,	21	2	1	1		182
252	Mizpah,	4					94

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254	Arnold,	1		1	2		32
255	Bedford,	6			1	3	76
256	University,	33	2	2	9	3	455
257	Shiloh,	28	1	9	2	16	574
258	Chester,	17		1	1	1	332
259	Eden,	10	1	1		2	157
260	Bradford,	11	6	6	3		286
261	Troy,	1		1	1		67
262	Montgomery,	14	1	3	2	3	181
263	Coudersport,	4					68
264	Shamokin,	20	2	2		5	126
265	Westfield,	1	1	1	1		36
266	Good Samaritan,	6		3	3	1	99
267	Coatesville,	20		1	2		139
268	Pittsburgh,	40	2	7	2	1	440
269	Ulysses,	3		1	3		37
270	Doylestown,	2				1	107
271	Pottstown,	19	3	2	1		145
272	Hebron,	6		1			79
273	Butler,	12	2	3		1	190
274	Bangor,	2					69
275	Kennett,	1					53
276	The Susquehanna,	2		1			74
277	Hazleton,	9	1	1	3	1	150
278	Catasauqua,	17			1		132
279	Kane,	5		3	1		74
280	Cyrus,	13		2	2	8	230
281	Monroe,	10					110
282	McKeesport,	52		1	1		390
283	Connellsville,	6		1			111
284	Melita,	43	3	3	1	1	384
285	Wilkinsburg,	53	1	2		1	235
286	Bellevue,	26	1			1	153
		2,180	158	437	224	192	28,177

A Communication was received from Chapter No. ——, asking permission to receive fourth petitions from Brothers————and————rejected in Chapter No.——whereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved:—that permission be granted under the usual restrictions.

A Communication was received from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, bearing date, San Francisco, August 20, 1908, enclosing checks for Thirteen hundred and eighty-nine dollars and ninety-seven cents ($1,389.97), being .28958 per cent. refund of the amount contributed by this Grand Chapter and the subordinate Chapters of the State of Pennsylvania, for the relief of the sufferers by the Earthquake and Fire on the morning of the Eighteenth day of April, 1906: whereupon Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Ezra S. Bartlett offered the following Resolutions which, being duly seconded, were adopted:

Resolved:—that the sum of Thirteen hundred and eighty-nine dollars and ninety-seven cents ($1,389.97) returned by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, this being .289 per cent. of $4,795.50, the amount contributed by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and its constituent Chapters and Mark Lodges, to the "San Francisco Earthquake Relief Fund," and that much in excess of their needs, be paid over to the M. E. Grand Treasurer and by him made a special deposit, to be known on the books of The Grand Chapter as "The Charity and Emergency Relief Fund of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania," to which is to be added from time to time any and all interest that may accrue thereon. And be it further

Resolved:—that the M. E. Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to draw orders upon the Fund for the relief of any charitable or emergency case that may arise, for so much thereof as may be recommended and approved of by the Committee on Charity, without the further approval of this Grand Chapter:

Provided, however, that this disposition of the remnant first has the consent of the donors. To ascertain their wishes in the matter, the M. E. Grand Secretary is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to each contributing Chapter and Mark Lodge, with the request that reply be made whether such an application of the fund has its approval or not, and any Chapter or Mark Lodge not approving and consenting thereto, shall be entitled to and receive out of this fund its proportional part.

The M. E. High Priest in a most feeling manner called attention of Grand Chapter to the serious illness of Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions Matthias H. Henderson and Alexander H. Morgan, whereupon Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion J. Henry Williams offered the following preamble and resolution, which, being seconded, was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Grand Chapter has, with much regret, heard of the serious illness of M. E. Companions Matthias H. Henderson and Alexander H. Morgan, and desires to give expression to and place upon record its deep sympathy with those who have served it so well, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the M. E. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to communicate in writing with, and express to M. E. Companions Matthias H. Henderson and Alexander H. Morgan, the best wishes of this Grand Chapter for their speedy and complete recovery.

A petition was received from a number (61) of Royal Arch Masons for a Warrant for a new Chapter to be held in Monessen, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, to be called "Monessen" Royal Arch Chapter, No. ——.

A Communication was received from Monongahela Royal Arch Chapter, No. 249, certifying the following extract from the minutes of Chapter No. 249, as of June 18, 1908, objecting to the granting of the Warrant.

"On motion, it was resolved that the consent of Chapter No. 249 for the organization and constitution of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Monessen, Pa., is hereby refused."

Attest

JOHN P. NORMAN,
Secretary.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the petition and objection were referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The Committee appointed to revise and amend the Constitution, made the following report :

MASONIC TEMPLE, Philadelphia, September 3, 1908.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:—

COMPANIONS:—The Committee appointed to revise and amend the Constitution report that they have attended to the duty assigned them.

Copies of the Constitution were sent to each member of the Committee after which the Committee was convened at the Masonic Temple.

The entire Constitution was reviewed and at this and subsequent meetings the necessary changes were discussed, and, on motion, approved for submission to Grand Chapter.

Your Committee herewith submits the result of its labors. The entire Constitution was revised, its errors removed and that which was obscure clarified. It is now presented as a whole in the belief that, as now submitted, it embodies the spirit and practice of our Fundamental law.

The Amendments made and Clauses added are distinctly indicated, and your Committee asks the approval of Grand Chapter.

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, M. E. Grand High Priest.
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HENRY OSCAR KLINE, M. E. Past Grand High Priest.
J. HENRY WILLIAMS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest.
JOHN C. WALLACE,
WILLIAM L. GORGAS.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the report was received and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved:—that so much of the proposed revision as provides for Amendments to the present Constitution be sent to the subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction (two copies to each Chapter) at least thirty days prior to the next Quarterly Communication, with notice that the same will be considered and acted upon at that time.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion CHARLES L. CHOVEY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey. Died May 23, 1908.

M. E. Companion JOHN H. BARLOW, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. Died June 16, 1908.

R. E. Companion GILBERT WORDSWORTH BARNARD, Right Eminent Grand Secretary of the Most Excellent Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois. Died June 19, 1908.

M. E. Companion JOSIAH JERNIGAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama. Died July 6, 1908.

M. E. Companion JOHN GIDEON HARRIS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama. Died July 7, 1908.

M. E. Companion HUGH MCCURDY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Died July 16, 1908.

M. E. Companion MARTIN H. RICE, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana. Died August 3, 1908.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and fifty minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

DECEMBER 3, A.D. 1908, A.I. 2438.

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The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 3, 1908, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 205 and 259, and Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 163, 243, 258, 282 and 283, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance made the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, November 27, 1908.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Edward B. Spencer, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary, from August 27, 1908, to November 20, 1908, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

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Certificates,	10 00	
Constitutions,	5 00	
Warrant,	100 00	2,931 02
		$5,415 02
EXPENDITURES.		
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest,	1,300 00	
Rent,	1,500 00	
Salaries,	862 50	
Printing, Postage and Stationery,	86 09	3,748 59
Balance on hand, November 20, 1908,		$1,666 43

We also attach to this report the following minutes of the deaths of Companions William J. Kelly, formerly a member of this Committee, and Jacob W. Jackson, for so many years its faithful Secretary.

Companion William J. Kelly died October 20th, and was buried with the honors of the Craft October 23, 1908.

It seems but fitting that this Committee, of which Companion Kelly was so long a member, should place upon its records some expression in recognition of the valued services rendered Grand Chapter by this distinguished Free Mason, as well as of the personal regard in which he was held by its members.

Although Companion William J. Kelly never attained, nor in fact did he seek official honors in Grand Chapter, yet he was ever ready and willing to serve this Grand Body at any time or place, and give of his time and abilities in the performance of any task or duty assigned him.

From 1881 to 1896 he was a member of the Committee on Finance of Grand Chapter, and for many years its chairman, retiring from the Committee at his own request when elected R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., of Pennsylvania, December, 1896.

As Chairman of the Committee having in charge the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of Grand Chapter, November 23, 1895, his directing hand contributed largely to the brilliant success of that historic event. As a member of the Committee on the revision of the Constitution of Grand Chapter in 1906, he took an active part in the work of the Committee.

Companion William J. Kelly was made a Mason in Washington Lodge, No. 59, F. & A. M., April 10, 1860, and served as Worshipful Master in 1865; received the degree of a Mark Master Mason in Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, in 1860, the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason in Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, in 1864, serving as High Priest in 1869; received the orders of Knighthood in St. John's Commandery, No. 4, K. T., in 1867, from which body he resigned October 22, 1869, to become a charter member of Mary Commandery, No. 36, K. T., of which he was elected the first Eminent Commander.

Was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Pennsylvania, December 1890; was successively advanced and served as R. W. Grand Master during the years 1897 and 1898.

For a number of years both before and after his service as Grand Master, in all over 26 years, he was Chairman of the Committee on Temple of Grand Lodge, and it is universally recognized by the fraternity that it is due to his well-directed efforts that this beautiful Temple stands to-day, a model in decoration and unsurpassed by any similar structure in the world.

Aggressive and progressive, he labored persistently and understandingly to accomplish the end in view, and in whatever position he was called to fill, he was intelligently active and was a leader in influencing its affairs.

Of a kind and genial nature, strong in his friendships, he was endeared to his associates and commanded the respect of those who did not at all times agree with his views.

Devoted to Free Masonry, wise in counsel, his voice and presence will be sadly missed in the several Masonic bodies of which he was a member.

Sorrowfully we record this minute in loving remembrance of our deceased Brother and Companion, William J. Kelly.

Within a few days this Committee has sustained a severe loss by the death of one of its most active and devoted members, Companion Jacob W. Jackson, who died at his home in this city, Nov. 25, 1908, suddenly and at a time that his friends were hopeful of his speedy recovery from the illness that had attacked him.

Companion Jacob W. Jackson was initiated into Freemasonry in Franklin Lodge, No. 134, F. & A. M., November 30, 1864. He served as Worshipful Master of this Lodge in 1870 and again in 1885, having enjoyed the unique distinction of having served twice as Worshipful Master of the same Lodge. He received the Honorary Degree of a Mark Master Mason in Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216, May 16, 1865, and the remaining Capitular degrees in Oriental Royal Arch Chapter, No. 183, on October 19, 1865. He was appointed on the Committee on Finance of Grand Chapter, December 27, 1896, since which time he was a member and Secretary of the Committee to the time of his death.

Efficient and faithful in the discharge of his duties, he was an invaluable member of the Committee, and we, his associates for nearly twelve years, record this minute as an expression of our deep sense of loss and sorrow in the death of this estimable Companion, who, by his gentle and refined nature, his pleasing personality, endeared himself to all with whom he became associated.

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following Annual Report:

PHILADELPHIA, November 27, 1908.

To the M. E. High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report:

Balance in the hands of the M. E. Grand Treasurer.

November 20, 1907, ...	$1,763 94

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges,	$11,712 25	
Interest on Investments,	1,077 50	
Interest on Deposits,	87 47	
Certificates,	34 00	
Dispensations,	2 00	
Constitutions,	28 00	
Warrants,	400 00	13,341 22
		$15,105 16

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest,	$3,300 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests,	951 30	
Rent,	1,500 00	
Salaries,	3,375 00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery,	1,187 83	
Masonic Home,	1,000 00	
Clothing and Furniture,	57 10	
Investments,	2,067 50	13,438 73
Balance in hands of M. E. Grand Treasurer, Nov. 20, 1908,		$1,666 43

In addition to the above balance of $1,666.43, the Grand Treasurer has in hand $1,389.97, the amount returned to Grand Chapter from the San Francisco Relief Fund, which by resolution adopted at the Quarterly Communication of September 3, 1908, was to become, with consent of the donors, a Special Fund to be known as the "Emergency Relief Fund of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania."

As all of the contributors have not as yet been heard from, the exact amount of the fund so created cannot at this date be determined, but so far the Chapters consenting to such a disposition of their proportional share of the returns, makes the present available amount of the fund $1,114.97, with eleven Chapters yet to hear from.

The Committee presents the following estimates for the year ending November 20, 1909:

Balance on hand,		$1,666 43

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges,	$10,500 00	
Interest on Investments,	1,117 50	
Constitutions, Dispensations, etc.,	25 00	11,642 50
		$13,308 93

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest,	$3,000 00	
Expenses of D. D. High Priests,	1,300 00	
Masonic Home,	1,000 00	
Salaries—M. E. Grand Secretary,	2,000 00	
Assistant Grand Secretary,	1,200 00	
Grand Tyler,	250 00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery,	1,500 00	
Rent,	1,500 00	
Clothing and Furniture,	150 00	
Jewel for M. E. Grand High Priest,	100 00	
Investments,	1,000 00	13,000 00
Estimated Balance,		$308 93

We offer the following resolutions:—

Resolved:—that the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to invest One Thousand ($1,000.00) Dollars of the funds of The Grand Chapter in a good, marketable security, in the name of "The Grand Treasurer of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, in trust for the said Grand Chapter."

Resolved:—that the M. E. Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the amounts named in the foregoing estimates as they may become due and payable.

The investments held by the M. E. Grand Treasurer, amounting to Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars ($29,000.00), are as follows:

Reading Co. Jersey Central Coll. Bonds, 4%,	$5,000 00
Pennsylvania Co. Gold Loan, 4%	5,000 00
Reading General Mortgage, 4%,	5,000 00
Electric and People's Traction, 4%,	5,000 00
Market St. Elevated Pass. Ry., 4%,	2,000 00
Philadelphia City Loan, 3%,	3,500 00
Philadelphia City Loan, 3½%,	1,500 00
The Pennsylvania R. R. Co., 4%,	2,000 00
	$29,000 00

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,
Committee.

It was, on motion, resolved that the Resolutions attached to the above Report be adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following Report, which was received, and the accompanying Resolutions were, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 1, 1908.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed new Codes of By-Laws for Chapters Nos. 205 and 289, and the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 163, 243, 258, 282 and 283, and respectfully offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved:—that the proposed new Codes of By-Laws for Chapters Nos. 205 and 259 be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 163, 243, 258, 282 and 283 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

EDGAR A. TENNIS,
STEPHEN H. APPLETON,
JOHN E. POORE,
Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following Report:

PHILADELPHIA, December 3, 1908.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that Messrs. MacCalla & Company, Incorporated, to whom was awarded the contract for printing the Proceedings for 1907, completed its contract to the full satisfaction of the Committee.

The expenditure of $1,187.73 for printing, postage and stationery for the year, includes the cost of printing and binding the Proceedings and their distribution.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
ROBERT F. MUSTIN, JR.,
Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion William B. Meredith, touchingly referred to the loss sustained by this Grand Chapter in the death of Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Matthias H. Henderson, and stated that he had requested Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion George W. Kendrick, Jr., who preceded Companion Henderson as Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter to prepare an "In Memoriam," which would be read at the proper time.

In further allusion to the loss sustained by Grand Chapter through the deaths of distinguished and faithful companions, reference was made to the death of Companion William J. Kelly, a Past High Priest of Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, a Past Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for many years prominent in the affairs of this Grand Chapter, and for some time Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

Also to the sudden death of Companion Jacob W. Jackson, a member of Oriental Royal Arch Chapter, No. 183, for many years Secretary of the Committee on Finance.

With reference to these two, this committee will make proper minute in their quarterly report.

Companion Joseph M. Wiatt, a Past High Priest of Tristram B. Freeman Royal Arch Chapter, No. 243, died at his home in this city on November 24, 1908. For many years he served this Grand Chapter on the Committee on By-Laws, and reference to his

death will be made at the proper time by Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Edgar A. Tennis, Chairman of that Committee.

Further allusion was made to the tragic death of Companion James M. Beatty, who was stricken in the middle of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, Wednesday, December 2, while engaged in addressing that Grand Body.

Companions Jackson and Beatty were not Past High Priests, but were members of this Grand Chapter, Past Masters by service in their respective Lodges prior to 1871.

Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion George W. Kendrick, Jr., then presented an In Memoriam on the life and services of Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Matthias Holstein Henderson, which was listened to with sorrowful attention and deep interest by the Companions.

IN MEMORIAM

MATTHIAS HOLSTEIN HENDERSON.

Born November 23, 1845.
Died September 18, 1908.

"We are building every day
In a good and evil way;
And the structure, as it grows,
Must our inmost soul disclose.
Do you ask what building this
That can show both pain and bliss?

That can be both dark and fair?
Lo! its name is character.
Build it well whate'er you do;
Build strong, and straight and true;
Build it clean and high and broad—
Build it for the Eye of God."

I feel that if our deceased Companion, for whom in sincere love and memory I now say these few words, were alive to offer suggestion or advice to the Companions, the subject of his thought would have been contained in the fine lines which I have just read to you.

It has been my privilege and duty to have served with Companion Matthias H. Henderson in two Masonic Grand Bodies at the same time. He succeeded me in the various offices in this Body, and he appointed me Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge when he was installed as Right Worshipful Grand Master, and both as subordinate and superior he was ever generous and helpful to those who worked with him, and never permitted the weakness of others nor any lack of purpose on his part, to obscure the brightness of the way he had determined to pursue.

Companion Henderson was broad in his judgments, and had a proper sense of perspective with regard to the relative importance of acts and thoughts. He was ever ready to help those whose motives and intentions were good, and he was ever slow to criticise acts which were induced by such motives. During the many years of our close association, which I am glad to say existed just as strongly in a personal way without as within the Fraternity, I can call to mind no act done or

word spoken that could be expected to hurt or injure any fellow-man.

As a husband, Companion Henderson was loyal and devoted; as a father affectionate and thoughtful; and it is a satisfaction to think, that at least as far as his domestic life was concerned, he reaped the full measure of that happiness and joy which he so richly deserved.

You, his Companions, have only to turn to the decisions which he rendered while he was at the head of this Grand Body, to obtain convincing evidence of his deep reverence for and adherence to the Land Marks of our Fraternity, that Fraternity which has its greatest object, and finds its highest fulfilment, in the elevation of its members to a higher standard of conduct in this world, and at the same time keeps their eyes upturned to receive in the future life the reward that Omnipotence alone can give, and which no finite hand can take away.

Notwithstanding the admiration which such a record must arouse, it seems to me that in the time to come, the photograph of him which will most often come to my mind will not be one of him in his robes of state presiding over this or any other Body, but one of him in his simple daily dress where he exercised such thorough mastery over the physical ills which seemed to give him battle every day, increasing his troubles, and yet with a knowledge on his part that it was only a question of time when he would obtain the victory over them.

Companion Henderson's fortitude, his cheerfulness

under affliction, his desire, bravely carried out, to fight to the last, never yielding, never surrendering, never retreating, and his earnest endeavor to the last possible moment to show his active interest in our Fraternity and the meeting of its Grand Bodies, must compel the enthusiastic respect and devotion of all.

There are still times that try men's souls, and his attendance at our meetings during recent years, must have convinced all who saw and talked with Companion Henderson that his soul and mind were bent upon overcoming his physical ills. He developed the infinite in himself, and did not hesitate to make the finite bear the burden.

It has been thirty-five years since he and I first worked together in this Grand Body, more than the life time of an ordinary generation, and during that time many changes have come to us both, and I am proud to say that every change in him, at least, was for the better, a constant effort toward the higher and nobler ideals, every day more nearly realized and achieved.

In closing, let me for our own consolation, quote the lines of our poet, Swinburne:

"Ah, fair and fragrant his fame as flowers
that close not,
That shrink not by day for heat or
for cold by night
As a thought in the heart shall increase
when the heart's self knows not,
Shall endure in our ears as a sound
in our eyes as a light;
Shall wax with the years that wane
and the season's chime
As a white rose thornless that grows in
the garden of time.

"The same year calls, and one goes hence
with another,
And men sit sad that were glad for
their sweet song's sake;
The same year beckons, and elder with
younger brother
Takes mutely the cup from his hand
that we all shall take.
They pass ere the leaves be past or the
snows be come;
And the birds are loud, but the lips
that outsang them are dumb.

"Time takes them home that we loved,
fair names and famous,
To the soft long sleep, to the broad
sweet bosom of death;
But the flower of their souls He shall
not take away to shame us,
Nor the lips lack song forever that
now lack breath.
For with us shall the music and perfume
that die not dwell,
Though the dead to our dead bid welcome,
and we farewell.

Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Edgar A. Tennis then presented a minute in commemoration of the worth and services of Companion Joseph M. Wiatt; which was supplemented by an address by Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion J. Henry Williams, both of which were listened to with sympathetic attention by the Companions of Grand Chapter.

Companion Tennis spoke as follows:

"Gone down in death before the evening shadows had gathered, called from labor in the midst of the activities and bustle of this world, Companion Joseph M. Wiatt has entered into the rest and peace of an

everlasting life. All who knew him must bear willing testimony to his ability, faithfulness and loyalty, not only in the discharge of his duties to this Grand Body wherein for a number of years he has been a zealous member of the Committee on By-Laws, but wherever and whenever duty called into action the principles he loved so well to emulate, our departed Companion was found in the front ranks doing valiant service for the cause of justice and right.

Companion Wiatt has passed through the vails to his reward, he has finished the work here given him to do. Let his example be our guide, his attainments our aim to emulate, so that when the summons comes to us, we too may "Wrap the drapery of our couch around us and lie down to pleasant dreams."

Resolved: that this Grand Chapter cause the foregoing to be made a record in the minutes of this Communication, and a copy signed by the Grand officers be transmitted to the family of our deceased Companion."

Election.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers, who, having reported, the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following named Companions duly elected:

Companion CARL A. SUNDSTROM, . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, . . *M. E. Grand King.*
" GEORGE B. WELLS, . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
" CHARLES CARY, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The Committee appointed at the June Quarterly Communication "to revise and amend the Constitution and submit their report to the Grand Chapter" made the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:—

PHILADELPHIA, December 3, 1908.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee appointed to amend and revise the Constitution of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter respectfully report that they have held numerous meetings and considered the subject carefully.

The result of these labors is embodied in the revision herewith submitted. On the left hand page is the Constitution as it is in its present form. On the opposite or right hand page is the text of all amendments made subsequent to the printing and publishing of the present Constitution, and in *italics* the suggested amendments of your Committee.

The scope and importance of the work assigned us is, however, so great, and so unanimous is the desire of the Committee to present a revision thorough and consistent in all its parts, that it is thought best to ask the suggestions and co-operation of the members of Grand Chapter.

To this end we offer the following resolutions and ask their adoption:—

Resolved:—that Article VIII. be amended by inserting in the title the words "Trustees and," and that Section 1, be amended by inserting the words "Three Trustees and," so that the title and section shall read

ARTICLE VIII.

TRUSTEES AND STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 1. Three Trustees and the following Committees shall be appointed annually by the Grand High Priest after his installation, viz.:

Resolved:—that Article VIII. be amended by adding SECTION 21, defining the duties of the Trustees, as follows:

SEC. 21. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to invest such funds as may be placed in their hands from time to time by the Grand Chapter for that purpose, in their names, as "Trustees of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania," their successors and assigns; and to alter and change the character of such investments from time to time, provided that every investment in Mortgage or Ground Rent shall be accompanied by a policy of fire insurance covering the period for which the investment is made, and also by a policy of title insurance.

They shall have charge of all securities and investments of the Grand Chapter, collect the income, interest and dividends thereof, and pay the same over to the Grand Secretary immediately after the same shall have been collected, taking his receipt therefor.

They shall make a full Report to the Grand Chapter annually at the Quarterly Communication in December, of all their transactions, with a list of all securities held by the Grand Chapter and a statement of the condition of the investments.

Resolved:—that section 9 of Article XVII. be amended by striking out the word "Five" in the middle of the third line on page 52 of said Article, and inserting the word "One," and that the word "balls" shall be changed to the singular, so that the sentence shall read:

"One black ball shall establish the existence of such objection."

Resolved:—that the Report as to all other amendments and revision be referred back to this Committee, with instructions to consider all suggestions that may be made by members of this Grand Chapter, and report at the Quarterly Communication in December, 1909.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, M.E.G.H.P.	HIBBERT P. JOHN, P.G.H.P.
CARL A. SUNDSTROM, M.E.G. KING	HENRY OSCAR KLINE, P.G.H.P.
A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, M.E.G. SCRIBE	J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P.G.H.P.
EDWARD B. SPENCER, M.E.G.TREASURER	JOHN C. WALLACE
CHARLES CARY, M.E.G. SECRETARY	WILLIAM L. GORGAS.

Committee.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion William Bramlette, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Died July 21, 1908.

M. E. Companion Charles Bechtel, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, Died August 16, 1908.

M. E. Companion Thomas Henry Roome Redway, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey. Died August 29,1908.

M. E. Companion James R. Post, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. Died September 9, 1908.

R. E. Companion John Henry Babcock, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota. Died October 26, 1908.

M. E. Companion James H. Cummins, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Died October 29, 1908.

The following certificate was read:

To The M. E. Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:

M. E. Sir and Companion:—At a stated meeting of Keystone R. A. Chapter, No. 175, held Monday, November 23, A. D. 1908, A. I. 2438, the following were among its transactions:

"This being the time fixed by the Constitution of Grand Chapter for the Election of Officers, the M. E. High Priest appointed the following as Tellers of the Election. . . . . .

"The Chapter proceeded to a ballot, when the vote being counted, it appeared that the following Companions were duly elected:

"Companion Peter N. K. Schwenk, M. E. High Priest."

Extract from the Minutes.

Allen C. Middleton,
Secretary Chapter No. 175.

[seal.]

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion PETER N. K. SCHWENK was duly installed as High Priest of Keystone Royal Arch Chapter, No. 175, and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him by Companion DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, at the request of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted.

At the suggestion of the M. E. Grand High Priest, on motion duly made and seconded, the Secretary was directed to convey in writing to Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, the most fraternal expressions of respect and friendship, expressing the sincere hope that he may be long spared to his loving Companions of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at five o'clock and twenty-five minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

ST. JOHN'S DAY,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, A.D. 1908, A.I. 2438.

PRESENT:

Comp.	WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,	. *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	CARL A. SUNDSTROM, .	. *M. E. Grand King.*
"	A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,	. *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER, .	. *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	STOCKTON BATES,	. *acting M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	REV. THOMPSON P. EGE,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	REV. CHARLES H. BOND,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, .	. *Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, .	. *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	JOHN C. TAYLOR, .	. *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, .	as *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE,	. *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	FRANK W. MARTENIS .	. *Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	CHARLES S. BAIR, .	as *Grand Marshal.*
"	G. ELLWOOD WAGNER,	. *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	DAVID CARLIN, .	as *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, .	. *Grand Pursuivant.*
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, .	. *Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions HENRY A. JÊNKS, JOSEPH C. EGBERT, ALLEN S. HECKMAN, THOMAS J. PARMLEY, WINFIELD S. BELL.

Past Grand High Priests:—Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" JOHN A. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.
" SAMUEL W. Wray, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" CHARLES F. WIGNALL, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" WILLIAM A. SINN, of Grand Chapter of Texas.
" LOUIS WAGNER, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 169, 173, 175, 176, 183, 186, 190, 197, 198, 202, 206, 208, 215, 216, 220, 226, 232, 233, 234, 240, 243, 247, 248, 250, 251, 252, 256, 257, 258, 262, 267, 270, 271, 284. (40 Chapters.) (96 members.) (11 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 3, 1908, were read and approved.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 3, 52, 91, 152, 159, 161, 167, 169, 173, 174, 178, 182, 183, 185, 189, 190, 193, 195, 198, 200, 201, 202, 205, 211, 214, 215, 219, 221, 222, 223, 224, 226, 227, 228, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 241, 243, 248, 250, 255, 256, 257, 258, 268, 270, 271, 273, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 281, 282, 283, 286, 287, 289 and Mark Lodge 214. (Sixty-two Chapters and one Mark Lodge), which were ordered to be entered and filed.

A Communication was received from Chapter No. 193, asking permission to receive a fourth petition from Brother ————, who was thrice rejected in Chapter No. 282; whereupon it was, on motion, resolved that permission be granted under the usual restrictions.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, presented the following address:

COMPANIONS:—The rapid flight of time brings us to the close of another Masonic year, and with it the completion of my term of service as Grand High Priest. The two years of my term of office have been strenuous ones, mingled with pleasures and regrets. The increase in membership has been as great as could have been expected under the depressed business conditions of our Jurisdiction. The interest in Capitular Masonry has increased until today it is greater than it ever has been before. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction and nothing has occurred to disturb the kindly and fraternal relations with our sister Grand Chapters, for which we render thanks to our Heavenly Father and fervently pray that His watchful care may be over us for all time.

One of the duties devolving upon the Grand High Priest at this time, is to report the most important events which have occurred during the year, the present condition of the Grand Chapter, and what suggestions, in his opinion, may prove of benefit to the Grand Chapter.

THE DEAD.

"There is no death: what seems so, is transition,
This life of Mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian
Whose portal we call death."

While a kind Providence has watched over us and cared for us, yet the Angel of Death has visited us more frequently than heretofore, and taken from us a number of faithful and devoted Companions who occupied honorable and exalted positions in the Masonic fraternity.

On Wednesday, April 1, 1908, M. E. Companion JAMES SHALLCROSS BARBER, Past Grand High Priest, passed away and was buried with Masonic honors on Saturday, April 4, 1908.

The following letter was issued:

OFFICE OF M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST, MASONIC TEMPLE,
PHILADELPHIA, April 25, 1908.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction, and to all Royal Arch Masons wherever dispersed:

COMPANIONS:—Most Excellent Companion JAMES SHALLCROSS BARBER, Past Grand High Priest, entered into rest on Wednesday, April 1, 1908, at eleven o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M., at his home in this city, and was buried on Saturday, April 4, 1908. The Masonic services at the Temple and grave were conducted by Perkins Lodge, No. 402, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was an honored Past Master.

Most Excellent Companion James Shallcross Barber, Past Grand High Priest, was born March 22, 1837, at Bloomfield, Connecticut, and removed with his parents to Philadelphia at an early age, since which time this city has been his home.

In his death, the community has lost an honest, upright and conscientious citizen, and Free Masonry has sustained a severe loss. His memory will be cherished by every Masonic body of which he was a member.

He was a devoted Mason, a faithful and efficient worker and instructor, and a firm believer that the teachings of Free Masonry had a significance which if carried into our daily life would make us better and truer men.

To Capitular Masonry he was especially devoted, and to it he gave his best efforts, which were appreciated, and culminated in his election as Most Excellent Grand High Priest on December 6, 1888. His administration of the affairs of the Grand Chapter showed the true and devoted Free Mason, his numerous visits to the Subordinate Chapters throughout the jurisdiction manifesting his interest in their welfare, while his firm action in issuing an edict which virtually destroyed the last hope of the so-called "Cerneau Rite" in this jurisdiction showed his devotion to Pennsylvania Masonry and earned the plaudits of every loyal Free Mason in the Jurisdiction. His prompt action at the time of the disastrous Johnstown flood, in appealing for aid to the Royal Arch Masons of the United States and distributing in person to the deserving the amount received, enabled him thus to demonstrate the charity of Free Masonry.

Masonic Record of

M. E. Companion JAMES SHALLCROSS BARBER.

Born March 22, 1837.

Perkins Lodge, No. 402.

Entered Apprentice	October 1, 1869.
Fellow Craft	November 11, 1869.
Master Mason	December 14, 1869.
Life Member	1870.
Junior Warden	1873.
Senior Warden	1874.
Worshipful Master	1875.

Oriental R. A. Chapter, No. 183.

Mark Master Mason	October 20, 1870.
Most Excellent Master Mason	October 20, 1870.
Exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Mason	October 31, 1870.
Life Member	December 15, 1870.
Master of the First Vail	1871.
Pursuivant	1872.
Royal Arch Captain	1873.
Scribe	1873–1874.
King	1874–1875.
High Priest	1875–1876.
Chaplain	1879, 1900–1904.
Treasurer	1896–1907.

PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL, No. 11.

Royal Master.....March 8, 1871.
Super Excellent Master.....March 8, 1871.
Select Master.....March 8, 1871.
Principal Conductor of Work....December 10, 1873.
Deputy Illustrious Master.....February 11, 1874.
Thrice Illustrious Master.....December 9, 1874.
Representative to Grand Council December 8, 1875.
Representative to Grand Council December 11, 1878.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA.....1882.
Right Puissant Grand Principal Conductor of Work.....1878–1879.
Right Puissant Illustrious Grand Master.....1880.
Right Puissant Deputy Grand Master.....1881.
Most Puissant Grand Master.....1882.

MASONIC HOME OF PENNSYLVANIA

Elected a Member of the Board of Managers.....May 2, 1884–1908.
Committee on Printing and Library....1884–1908.
Representative of Perkins Lodge, No. 402.

MARY COMMANDERY, No. 36, K. T.

Red Cross.....December 8, 1870.
Knight Templar and Knight of Malta.....January 10, 1871
Warder.....1875.
Captain- General.....1876-1877.
Generalissimo.....1877–1878.
Eminent Commander.....1878–1879.
Joint Trustee.....1886–1908.

A. & A. SCOTTISH RITE.

Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 4° to 14°.....December 5, 1871.
De Joinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 15° and 16°..February 20, 1872.
Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix de H. R. O.,D. M., 17° and 18°..March 19, 1872.
Philadelphia Consistory, 19° to 32°...April 11, 1872.
T. P. Master, Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection.....February 19, 1875.
Sovereign Prince, De Joinville Council, P. of J.....February 19, 1875.

M. W. Master, Kilwinning Chapter,
Rose Croix.....May 17, 1878.
Commander-in-Chief, Philadelphia
Consistory .....December 21, 1883.

SUPREME COUNCIL, NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION.

Created a Sovereign Grand Inspector-
General at Boston, Mass., August 21, 1874.

GRAND LODGE.

Committee on Library.....1875–1881.
Committee on By-Laws.....1882–1907.

GRAND CHAPTER.

Grand Master of Second Vail.....1877–1878.
Grand Master of Third Vail.....1879–1880.
Grand Royal Arch Captain.....1881–1884.
M. E. Grand Scribe.....1885–1886.
M. E. Grand King.....1887–1888.
M. E. Grand High Priest.....1889–1890.
Committee on Work and Jurisprudence..1891–1896.
Committee on Jurisprudence.....1897–1908.
Representative, North Carolina.....1882–1908.
Representative, Delaware.....1890–1908.

DIED.....APRIL 1, 1908.

It is directed that in memory of our departed Most Excellent Companion this communication be read in each Subordinate Chapter within our Jurisdiction, and entered in full on the minutes at the next stated meeting after its receipt, and that the jewels of such Chapters be draped in mourning for the space of six months.

Given under the seal of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the day and year above written.

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,
M. E. Grand High Priest.

[Official Seal.]

CHARLES CARY, *Grand Secretary.*

At the Quarterly Communication held September 3rd, Past High Priest, Companion STOCKTON BATES, read a beautiful and appropriate "In Memoriam",

in which he feelingly pictured the life of our distinguished Companion.

The time from birth to death is necessarily brief, a few short years and "the body returns to the dust and the spirit to God who gave it." Our beloved Companion fulfilled every duty devolving upon him during life and left to his relatives and Companions a priceless legacy, a well-spent life. He will be missed and his memory will be cherished by us all.

On Friday, September 18, 1908, M. E. Companion MATTHIAS HOLSTEIN HENDERSON, Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest, calmly and peacefully slept away, and was buried on Sunday, September 20th, the Masonic services being conducted by Bro. GEORGE B. ORLADY, R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

The following letter was issued:

OFFICE OF M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
MASONIC TEMPLE,

Philadelphia, October 6th, 1908.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction, and to all Royal Arch Masons wherever dispersed:

COMPANIONS:

Most Excellent Companion
MATTHIAS HOLSTEIN HENDERSON,
PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST,

entered into rest on Friday, September 18th, 1908, at eight o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M., at his home in the city of New Castle, Lawrence County, and was buried on Sunday, September 20th, 1908. The Masonic services at the grave were conducted by Bro. George B. Orlady, R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

Most Excellent Companion Matthias Holstein Henderson was born No-

vember 23rd, 1845, at Mercer, Penna., moved to New Castle in 1858, and from there, in the spring of 1872, to Sharon; then back to New Castle in 1895, where he resided until his death.

The death of a good man is always to be regretted by the community in which he resides. In the death of Most Excellent Companion Matthias Holstein Henderson not only have the business men of affairs of his home city cause for regret, but the Masonic Fraternity of New Castle as well as of the entire Jurisdiction has suffered a loss that will be most keenly felt.

An honest and upright citizen, a devoted husband, a loving and affectionate father and an ardent Mason has gone to receive the reward that awaits the good man and Mason.

His interest in Free Masonry manifested itself early in life. He was made a Mason when little more than twenty-three years of age, and in December of the same year, owing to an extraordinary condition of affairs, was elected Worshipful Master, an honor that rarely comes to a Mason, and from that time until the hour of his death his interest in Free Masonry never faltered.

He was not only a worker in the Fraternity but also an instructor and writer of more than ordinary force; his addresses,both in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, show his devoted and rigid adherence to the Ancient Customs, Usages and Landmarks of Free Masonry, and his determination to prevent the introduction of any modern ideas into it. He believed Free Masonry meant exactly what it purported to be; he practiced its teachings in his life and urged upon his Brethren and Companions the necessity of practicing what they were taught by its lessons.

MASONIC RECORD OF M. E. COMPANION MATTHIAS HOLSTEIN HENDERSON.
BORN NOVEMBER 23, 1845.

LODGE OF THE CRAFT NO. 433.

Entered Apprentice ..... March 23, 1869.
Fellow Craft ..... April 20, 1869.
Master Mason ..... May 25, 1869.
Worshipful Master ..... 1870–1871.
Treasurer ..... December 27, 1895, to December 27,1906

DELTA R. A. CHAPTER NO. 170.

Mark Master Mason ..... January, 24, 1870.
Most Excellent Master Mason ..... January 24, 1870.
Exalted to Supreme Degree of
Royal Arch Mason ... February 14, 1870.
Resigned to become Charter Member of
Norman R. A. Chapter No. 244..... March 10, 1873.

NORMAN R. A. CHAPTER NO. 244.

Charter Member.
M. E. High Priest May 12, 1873, to December 27, 1876 and 1878

MOUNT MORIAH COUNCIL NO. 2, PITTSBURG.

Royal Master.....November 5, 1877.
Super Excellent Master.....November 5, 1877.
Select Master.....November 5, 1877.
Resigned.....December 1, 1884.
Charter Member of Hiram Council No. 45.

HIRAM COUNCIL NO. 45, NEW CASTLE.

Principal Conductor of Work.....1896–1897.
Deputy Illustrious Master.....1898.
Thrice Illustrious Master.....1899.
Representative to Grand Council.....1900.
Trustee.....1901 to death.

ALLEGHENY COMMANDERY, NO. 35, K. T.

Red Cross.....November 11, 1870.
Knight Templar.....November 11, 1870.
Knight of Malta.....November 11, 1870.
Resigned.....May 24, 1872.

REBECCA COMMANDERY, NO. 50, K. T., AT SHARON.

Charter Member.
Generalissimo.....1876.
Eminent Commander.....1877.
Division Commander.....1885.
Resigned.....January 24, 1896.

A. & A. SCOTTISH RITE.

Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, 4° to 14°....October 17, 1877.
Pennsylvania Council, Princes of Jerusalem,
15° and 16°.....October 18, 1877.
Pittsburgh Chapter, Rose Croix de
H. R. O. D. M., 17° and 18°.....October 18, 1877.
Pennsylvania Consistory, 19° to 32°.....October 19, 1877.
Life Member.

SUPREME COUNCIL NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION.

Created a Sovereign Grand Inspector
General at Chicago.....September 14, 1886.

GRAND LODGE.

District Deputy Grand Master 26th
District from December 27, 1877, to December 27, 1888.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden.....1889–1890.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden.....1891–1892.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master.....1893–1894.
R. W. Grand Master.....1895-1896.
Committee of Landmarks.....1897 to death.

Chairman Committee on Landmarks.....1908.
Commissioner of Sinking Fund. .....1900 to death.
Chairman Commissioners of Sinking Fund....1900 to death.

GRAND CHAPTER.

District Deputy Grand High Priest from
December 27, 1875, to December 27, 1882.
M. E. Grand Scribe.....1883–1884.
M. E. Grand King.....1885–1886.
M. E. Grand High Priest.....1887–1888.
Committee on Work and Jurisprudence.....1889–1890–1891.
Committee on Correspondence, 1892 to 1900 and 1903 to 1908.
Chairman Committee on Correspondence,
1892 to 1900, and 1903 to June 17, 1908.
at which time he tendered his resignation as
Chairman on account of ill health.

DIED.....SEPTEMBER 18, 1908.

It is directed that in memory of our departed Most Excellent Companion this communication be read in each Subordinate Chapter within our Jurisdiction, and entered in full on the minutes at the next stated meeting after its receipt, and that the jewels of such Chapters be draped in mourning for the space of six months.

Given under the seal of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the day and year above written.

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,
M. E. Grand High Priest.

[Official Seal.]

CHARLES CARY, *Grand Secretary.*

At the Quarterly Communication held December 3rd, M. E. Companion GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., Past Grand High Priest, (who preceded M. E. Companion HENDERSON as Grand High Priest), read an "In Memoriam", being a beautiful tribute to the memory of our beloved and honored Companion, both as a man and a Mason. He knew him well and referred in most feeling terms to their association and friendship.

The memory of M. E. Companion MATTHIAS HOL-

STEIN HENDERSON needs no eulogy or monument, the imprint of his mind is indelibly impressed upon the history of our Grand Lodge and this Grand Chapter and it is impossible to efface it. After an acquaintance and friendship of over thirty years it is hard to say farewell.

"To live in the hearts we leave behind,
Is not to die."

On Tuesday, October 20th, Companion WILLIAM J. KELLY, Past Grand Master and Past High Priest of Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, died at his home in this city and was buried with Masonic honors, on Saturday, October 24th. Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY, R. W. Grand Master officiating. Companion WILLIAM J. KELLY was made a Mason in Washington Lodge, No. 59, on April 10, 1860; was Worshipful Master in 1865, received the Degree of Mark Master Mason in Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, on October 8, 1860, the Most Excellent Master Masons and Royal Arch Masons Degrees in Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, October 7, 1864; was M. E. High Priest in 1869, was elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden, December 3, 1890 and R. W. Grand Master December 2, 1896, serving during the years 1897 and 1898. He served this Grand Chapter as Grand Pursuivant, Grand Master of First and Third Vails, Grand Royal Arch Captain, on the Committees of Correspondence, Charity and Finance, serving on the Committee of Finance from December 27, 1880, to December 27, 1896, and as Chairman from December 27, 1881, to

December 27, 1896. He was a strong character, a leader among his brethren and companions. The decorating and adorning of the Masonic Temple is largely due to his effort and are monuments to his memory. An appropriate memorial was presented by the Committee on Finance.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1908, Companion Joseph M. Wiatt, a Past High Priest of Tristram B. Freeman Royal Arch Chapter, No. 243, died at his home in this city. He was made a Mason in Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, on October 7, 1873, received the Mark Master Mason's and Most Excellent Master Mason's Degrees on May 4, 1874, and the Royal Arch Mason's Degree on June 1, 1874, in Tristram B. Freeman Royal Arch Chapter, No. 243; served as Scribe in 1877, King in 1878, and M. E. High Priest in 1879; appointed Representative of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina near this Grand Chapter in 1898; appointed a member of Committee on By-Laws in 1895, serving until his death. He was one of its most efficient members, a devoted Mason and an upright man. Few men were held in higher esteem than our good Companion. To know him was to admire and respect him; to enjoy his friendship and an intimate acquaintance was to love him. An appropriate memorial was presented by the Committee on By-Laws with an *Addendum* by M. E. Companion J. Henry Williams, Past Grand High Priest.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1908, Companion

JACOB W. JACKSON, died at his home in this city. He was made a Mason in Franklin Lodge, No. 134; served as Worshipful Master in 1870 and in 1885, received the degree of Mark Master Mason in Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216, May 16, 1865, and M. E. Master Mason's and Royal Arch Mason's Degrees in Oriental Royal Arch Chapter, No. 183, October 19, 1865. He became a member of Grand Chapter by virtue of having been a Royal Arch Mason and Worshipful Master of his Lodge prior to December 28, 1871. He was appointed a member of the Committee on Finance December 27, 1896, and served until his death—a greater part of the time as its Secretary. Companion JACKSON was of a retiring disposition, never seeking prominence either in public or Masonic affairs. As a citizen he was earnest in the discharge of his every duty; as a Mason he was faithful to both Lodge and Chapter. He will be missed and his absence regretted. A suitable memorial was presented by the Committee on Finance.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1908, Companion JAMES M. BEATTY was suddenly stricken while addressing Grand Lodge and died instantly. He was made a Mason in Shekinah Lodge, No. 246, was Worshipful Master in 1868 and 1869; was a Charter Member of University Lodge, No. 610, received the Degree of Mark Master Mason in Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216, May 16, 1865, and Most Excellent Master Mason's and Royal Arch Mason's Degrees in Keystone Royal Arch Chapter, May 3, 1866. He became a member

of Grand Chapter by virtue of having been a Royal Arch Mason and Worshipful Master of his Lodge prior to December 27, 1871. He was a member of the Committee on By-Laws in 1870 and 1871 and the Committee on Printing and Publishing 1872 and 1873.

He was a firm believer in the principles and teachings of Free Masonry and performed every duty in a thoroughly conscientious manner.

Decisions.

It is not to be expected that the provisions of the Constitution will be construed by all in the same light, hence, the appeal to the Grand High Priest, hoping for a decision that will meet the views of the appellant. The provisions of our present Constitution are now so well defined and fully understood by the large majority of those active in Capitular Masonry, that appeals are rare, and when a question is asked it can, as a rule, be answered by referring to the Constitution or the decisions of Grand High Priests. During the present year many questions have been asked and answered as above indicated. There were several questions upon which decisions were made as follows:

That the petition of a Brother for the Degrees and Membership to a Chapter other than that in which he was rejected is a *Second* petition. If rejected twice, his petition to a Chapter other than those in which he was rejected is a *Third* petition and must be subject, in either case, to the provisions of the Constitution governing in such cases.

That a Companion who had been suspended for non-payment of dues, his Mark not being recorded, and afterwards restored to good Masonic standing, cannot be admitted to membership in any Chapter including the one from which he was suspended, without a copy of his Mark accompanying his petition. Article XVII., Section 13, Constitution, page 23.

That the signers to a petition for a Warrant for a New Chapter must present with the Petition copies of their Marks, they necessarily seeking membership in a New Chapter.

That a Companion who was a life member of a Chapter, in resigning therefrom, forfeits his life membership and should he at any future time become a member of the Chapter from which he resigned, is subject to the payment of annual dues.

That the Sceptres of the officers of a Royal Arch Chapter must be red.

Notwithstanding the fact that many decisions have been made in reference to the use of the Hall, Name and Funds of a Chapter for purposes which are not Masonic, I have again been called upon to reaffirm previous decisions, and to simplify and make plain, have added the following. The Chapter Hall, Chapter Name or Chapter Funds cannot be used for any purpose that is not strictly Masonic in every respect. The use of either must be confined exclusively to Masons.

The City of Allegheny having been annexed to the City of Pittsburgh, the Chapters within the present

boundaries of the City of Pittsburgh may receive petitions from any qualified Master Mason residing in said City without regard to residence.

That a Chapter cannot receive a Petition for degrees and membership from one, for whom a Dispensation to Pass the Chair, has been granted, but not acted upon, the Constitution is mandatory—"be a Past Master either by Election or Dispensation."

Declined to issue a Dispensation to a Past High Priest to open a Royal Arch Chapter and conduct the business thereof, in anticipation of the contemplated absence of the M. E. High Priest, King and Scribe on the night of a Stated Meeting, as it seemed more than probable that the three officers could arrange that one of their number would be present to open the Chapter.

That a Chapter cannot elect a Representative to fill a vacancy, except as is provided by Section 4, Article III, of the Constitution.

Dispensations.

I have granted the following Dispensations during the year:

March 10. To Hazleton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 277, to elect a Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by death.

March 19. To Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, to elect a Treasurer to fill a vacancy caused by declination of Treasurer-elect to serve.

November 5. To Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, No. 179, to confer the Royal Arch Degree in less than four

weeks on the ground that the Brother was leaving the Jurisdiction for a long period of time.

The facts in this case were that the Brother was compelled on account of ill health to seek a different climate, his life depending upon the change. He was more than anxious to be exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Mason before leaving and I accordingly issued Dispensation authorizing his exaltation, thus exercising the prerogative authorized by the Amendment to Section 10, Article XVI, of the Constitution.

Edicts.

I have issued but one edict during my term of office, namely April 15, 1908, declaring null and void and of no effect the action of Tamaqua Royal Arch Chapter, No. 177, in receiving and acting upon the petition of Brother ————, for degrees and membership, and conferring the Mark Master Mason's and Most Excellent Master Mason's Degrees upon him when the applicant was not eligible to receive the Capitular Degrees.

It was a source of regret that there was no authority which would justify me in striking from the roll of membership of this Chapter the recommenders and at least two officers. Ignorance may at times be an excuse, but in this case there can be no justification; in fact, the Constitution should be amended to cover such cases, reference to the Proceedings of 1906, page 50, decision by the then Grand High Priest, M. E.

Companion J. Henry Williams, as follows: "No member of a Chapter has the right to recommend a petitioner for membership unless he is Masonically certain the applicant is a Mark Master Mason, has passed the Chair, is a Most Excellent Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason. He can satisfy himself by an examination or a proper avouchment. A Chapter should not receive such petition unless the recommenders so certify." This is good Masonic Law and should apply not only to Membership but with greater force to the petitioner for degrees and membership. In the future recommenders on a petition for degrees and membership must vouch that the petitioner is a Master Mason and that he has passed the Chair. It would be wise for Chapters to require the recommenders on all petitions both for membership and degrees and membership to certify that the facts set forth in the respective petitions are correct.

Grand Visitations.

During the present year I have made the following Grand Visitations in all of which I was accompanied by the M. E. Grand King, M. E. Grand Scribe and most of the appointed Officers.

March 17, 1908. Constituted Mizpeh Royal Arch Chapter, No. 288, with the assistance of the Grand Chapter Officers.

March 18. Constituted Valley Royal Arch Chapter, No. 289, with the assistance of the Grand Chapter Officers.

March 19. Pittsburgh Royal Arch Chapter, No. 268, Pittsburgh. The Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was conferred.

May 11. Arnold Royal Arch Chapter, No. 254, Port Allegany. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

May 12. LaFayette Royal Arch Chapter, No. 163, Lock Haven. The Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was conferred.

May 13. Standing Stone Royal Arch Chapter, No. 201, Huntingdon. Two meetings were held. The Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was exemplified at the afternoon meeting and the Mark Master Mason's degree was exemplified at the evening meeting.

May 14. Constituted Nanticoke Royal Arch Chapter, No. 287, with the assistance of the Grand Chapter Officers.

May 14. Pittston Royal Arch Chapter, No. 242, Pittston. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

May 15. Factoryville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 205. The Mark Master Mason's degree was exemplified.

October 12. Warrior Run Royal Arch Chapter, No. 246, Watsontown. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

October 13. Bradford Royal Arch Chapter No. 260, Bradford. The Royal Arch Mason's degree was conferred.

October 14. Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 206, Beaver Falls. The Royal Arch Mason's degree was conferred.

The M. E. High Priest of every Chapter in the Sixteenth District was present, which reflected great credit upon the active and efficient District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion John C. Wallace.

October 15. Constituted Monessen Royal Arch Chapter, No. 290, with the assistance of the Grand Chapter Officers.

October 15. Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter, No. 280, Carnegie. The Royal Arch Mason's degree was conferred.

October 16. Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter, No. 162, Pittsburgh. The Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was conferred.

In all Grand Visitations the attendance was large, the Grand Chapter Officers were most cordially welcomed. The corrections in the work were favorably received. The instruction and information given was accepted in a true Masonic Spirit. Great good will come from these Grand Visitations by infusing new life into every Chapter thus visited.

Informal Visitations.

January 20, 1908. Germantown Royal Arch Chapter, No. 208, Philadelphia. The Mark Master Mason's and Most Excellent Master Mason's degrees were conferred.

January 21. Abington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 245, Jenkintown. The Mark Master Mason's and Most Excellent Master Mason's degrees were conferred.

February 17. Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, Philadelphia. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

February 18. Chester Royal Arch Chapter, No. 258, Chester. The Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was conferred.

March 6. Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, Philadelphia. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

April 13. Meyersdale Royal Arch Chapter, No. 272, Meyersdale. Accompanied by District Deputy Grand High Priests WILLIAM NAGEL and WINFIELD S. BELL. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

April 21. University Royal Arch Chapter, No. 256, Philadelphia. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

June 2. St. John Royal Arch Chapter, No. 232, Philadelphia. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

June 5. Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, Philadelphia. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred. The Stations and places were filled by Past High Priests.

June 6. Attended the One Hundred and Fiftieth

Anniversary of the organization of Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, Philadelphia.

June 8. Catasauqua Royal Arch Chapter, No. 278, Catasauqua. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

June 15. Shiloh Royal Arch Chapter No. 257, Pittsburgh. Accompanied by District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion WINFIELD S. BELL. The Royal Arch Mason's degree was conferred.

September 25. Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, No. 189, Altoona. Accompanied by the M. E. Grand King, Companion CARL A. SUNDSTROM, M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, and District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, being the fiftieth anniversary of its constitution.

October 9. Palestine Royal Arch Chapter, No. 240, Philadelphia. Mark Master Mason's and Most Excellent Master Mason's degrees were conferred.

October 10. Phœnix Royal Arch Chapter, No. 198, Phœnixville. No degrees were conferred.

October 26. Kensington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 233, Philadelphia. The Royal Arch Mason's degree was conferred.

November 6. Allegheny Royal Arch Chapter, No. 217, Pittsburgh, North Side. Accompanied by District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion WINFIELD S. BELL. Mark Master Mason's and Most Excellent Master Mason's degrees were conferred.

November 13. Venango Royal Arch Chapter, No. 211, Franklin. Accompanied by District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion CHARLES E. COOPER. Mark Master Mason's and Most Excellent Master Mason's degrees were conferred.

November 17. Excelsior Royal Arch Chapter, No. 237, Reading. Accompanied by M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH and Companion DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, Grand Captain of the Host. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

November 18. Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91, Philadelphia. Accompanied by the Grand Officers. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

November 19. Royal Arch Chapter No. 43, Lancaster. Accompanied by the M. E. Grand King, Companion CARL A. SUNDSTROM and Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of the Committee of Instructors in Capitular Degrees. The Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was conferred.

November 24. Pittsburgh School of Instruction. Manner of conducting election of Officers and Installation of M. E. High Priest was exemplified.

December 8. Mizpeh Royal Arch Chapter, No. 288, North Side, Pittsburgh. Installed the Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning St. John's Day, December 27, 1908.

December 11. Valley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289, Wilmerding. Installed the Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year, beginning St. John's day, December 27, 1908.

December 14. Orient Royal Arch Chapter, No. 247, Kittanning. Installed the Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning St. John's Day, December 27, 1908.

Representatives to Other Grand Chapters.

I have appointed Companion D. Clarence Sherman as Representative from this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of Vermont, in place of Companion J. Henry Jackson, and commissioned him as such on May 30, 1908.

Companion Herbert M. Knight as Representative from this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Victoria, in place of Companion Hugh William Sinclair, and commissioned him as such on August 8, 1908.

Companion Edward A. Kraussman as Representative from this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of New York, in place of Companion George H. Toop, and commissioned him as such on August 18, 1908.

Representative Received.

Companion Samuel Shaw has been appointed and recognized as the Representative from the Grand Chapter of Canada to this Grand Chapter in place of M. E. Companion Thomas Ranken Patton, Deceased.

Notices of Meetings.

The forms for notices for stated, special and extra

meetings prepared by the Grand Secretary were sent out in December last with instructions that they would go into effect on December 27, 1907. They have met with general approval, still, there are some exceptions where the Secretary of a Chapter adheres to his own idea, thus preventing uniformity so much desired in Masonry. Failure to follow the forms sent out was noticed and the Grand Secretary notified the Secretaries to follow the prescribed form with the result that but very few fail to follow the form of notices.

It has occurred to me that it would be wisdom to have all forms as laid down in the Constitution, printed and sent out by the Grand Secretary, thus securing uniformity in all proceedings of the subordinate Chapters and relieve the Grand Secretary of much labor.

Waivers of Jurisdiction.

I have asked for and received two waivers of Jurisdiction from the Grand High Priest of New Jersey.

I have granted waivers of Jurisdiction as follows: New Jersey, 4; Maryland, 1; New York, 3.

I declined to grant waiver of Jurisdiction in case of Brother James W. Pearce, member of Lodge No. 3, Pennsylvania, for the reason that he had not passed the chair.

Work.

Following the custom of other years, the several degrees of Capitular Masonry have been exemplified as follows:

At the Quarterly Communication held March 5, the Mark Master Mason's degree was exemplified by the officers of Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, Companion MARION B. RIFFO as Worshipful Master.

At the Quarterly Communication held June 4, the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was exemplified by the officers of Chester Royal Arch Chapter, No. 258, Companion THOMAS WHITTAM as Most Excellent Master.

At the Quarterly Communication held September 3rd, the Royal Arch Mason's degree was exemplified by the officers of Tristram B. Freeman Royal Arch Chapter, No. 243, Companion JOSEPH B. QUIGLEY as Most Excellent High Priest.

At the Quarterly Communication held December 3, the order of High Priesthood was conferred upon Companion PETER N. K. SCHWENK, and he was regularly installed Most Excellent High Priest of Keystone Royal Arch Chapter, No. 175, by Past High Priest Companion DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, Grand Captain of the Host and Chairman of Committee of "Instructors in Capitular Degrees."

The exemplification of the Capitular Degrees at the several Grand Communications was under the immediate direction of Past High Priest Companion Daniel W. Hutchin, Grand Captain of the Host and Chairman of the Committee of "Instructors in Capitular Degrees," assisted by the other members of the Committee, the work was corrected very closely both as to language and positions of officers upon the floor, thus the Companions present received the correct work of the Grand

Chapter and the only work authorized in this Jurisdiction and it is expected that the officers of all Chapters will learn the work as thus given and that the District Deputy Grand High Priests will instruct the Chapters of their Districts in the work as exemplified. When this is done, there will be a prospect of uniformity of work throughout the Jurisdiction.

It has been customary in the past to have the work exemplified by some one of the Chapters meeting in the "TEMPLE" in Philadelphia or some member of the Committee of "Instructors in Capitular Degrees." Several Chapters meeting outside the "TEMPLE" desired to exemplify one of the Degrees. I selected Chester Royal Arch Chapter No. 258, Chester, they accordingly exemplified the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree at the Quarterly Communication in June in a manner that commanded the admiration of all present. The work was almost perfect, and it certainly reflected great credit upon the Chapter and particularly upon the officers who did the work.

The Companions who exemplified the work of the several degrees were tendered the thanks of the Grand Chapter and I desire as one of the last acts of my administration to again thank them and congratulate the several Chapters upon the proficiency of their officers and that the Grand Chapter appreciates their assistance in the endeavor to establish uniformity of work throughout the Jurisdiction.

Previous to the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution on December 3, 1903, as follows, Section 10, Article XVI "No member shall be exalted to the

Degree of Royal Arch Mason within four weeks from the time he shall have received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason and not then unless he has had his Mark recorded in the Book of Marks,'' It was customary in some Chapters to confer the three degrees of Capitular Masonry in one night. It was impossible for any man to thoroughly appreciate or fully understand the ceremonies through which he had passed; he was a Royal Arch Mason before he had acquired a knowledge of the rudiments of the Mark Master Mason's Degree. The change was productive of great good, the candidate now has some time to acquire the necessary knowledge and no Chapter would favor the return to the old Custom. Would not greater good be accomplished if there was another amendment to the Constitution which would require at least four weeks to elapse before conferring each degree ?

I would call attention to a matter which has come under my observation, namely the growing tendency among Chapters to prolong their meetings until very late hours of the night, giving as the main reason the great amount of work they have to do. The increasing popularity of Free Masonary cannot be questioned and necessarily many seek admission therein, consequently more time is required in which to confer the Degrees, still this will not justify the late hours, as men and especially as Masons, we owe a duty to our homes and families and the late hours deprive those to whom we owe this sacred duty of our association and attention, and further it enables those who are hostile to Free Masonry to point to this fact as an evidence of our

unworthiness and wrong doing. Would it not be much better for the Chapters to hold extra meetings (frequent if necessary) to relieve them of accumulated work and close their meetings at a much earlier hour, thus enabling all to return to their homes at a reasonable hour and we believe that those to whom we owe this duty would be more enthusiastic in their advocacy of Free Masonry, when they know that the midnight hour has ceased among Masons, and also deprive the traducers of Free Masonary of one of their strong arguments.

I would call attention to the urgent necessity of something being done in the very near future by this Grand Chapter in the performance of a duty which it certainly owes the subordinate Chapters, in establishing uniformity in the work throughout the Jurisdiction. In Grand and Informal Visitations, we learn that many Chapters are not able to do the work as required by the Grand Chapter, simply from the fact that they have been unable to obtain the work, these visitations may in time produce the desired results, but the method is too slow. The time is now, and action should be taken at once, to cure the defect. Would suggest that the Grand Chapter make a special appropriation in sufficient amount, which will enable the Grand High Priest to send Instructors to the Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction in need of instruction. This suggestion may not appeal to some of the members, but two years experience enables me to say, that it would be one of the best investments the Grand Chapter can make.

On November 24, I visited the School of Instruction

at Pittsburgh at which time the manner of conducting the election of officers of a Subordinate Chapter and the installation of a Most Excellent High Priest were fully exemplified, the meeting was enthusiastic and great interest manifested. This School under present arrangements is doing a great work for Capitular Masonry. Great regret was expressed at the enforced absence of District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion Winfield S. Bell.

On November 27, I authorized the organization of a School of Instruction in the Capitular Degrees, at Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County for the 6th Masonic District and named Companion Henry L. Moore, District Deputy Grand High Priest as principal Instructor.

New Chapters.

At the Annual Communication December 27, 1907, a petition for a New Chapter to be held at Nanticoke, Luzerne County was presented and referred to the Grand Chapter Officers with power to act, the action of the Grand Chapter Officers being favorable. The new Chapter was constituted on May 14 by the Grand Chapter Officers under the name of Nanticoke Royal Arch Chapter No. 287, with twenty-two Charter Members. Since constitution nine have been exalted to the Supreme degree of Royal Arch Mason, making a membership at this date of thirty one.

At the Quarterly Communication March 5, 1908, petitions were presented for New Chapters at Alle-

gheny (now North Side, Pittsburgh) and at Wilmerding, Allegheny County and referred to the Grand Chapter Officers with power to act, the action of the Grand Chapter Officers being favorable the New Chapter at Allegheny (now North Side, Pittsburgh) was constituted on March 17, by the Grand Chapter Officers, under the name of Mizpeh Royal Arch Chapter No. 288 with one hundred and five Charter Members, forty four have been exalted to the Supreme degree of Royal Arch Mason, making a membership at this date of one hundred and forty nine.

The New Chapter at Wilmerding was constituted on March 18, by the Grand Chapter Officers under the name of Valley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289 with forty six Charter Members, five have been admitted to membership by petition and thirty have been exalted to Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Mason making a membership at this date of eighty one.

At the Quarterly Communication September 3, 1908, a petition for a New Chapter to be held at Monessen, Westmoreland County was presented and referred to the Grand Chapter Officers with power to act, the action of the Grand Chapter Officers being favorable, the New Chapter was constituted on October 15, 1908, by the Grand Chapter Officers under the name of Monessen Royal Arch Chapter No. 290 with a membership of fifty two. At the stated meeting held this month, twelve petitions were approved.

The addition of four New Chapters in one year is certainly unusual, but I am convinced that there was a necessity in each case for a New Chapter. They all

start under more than favorable circumstances, the additions since constitution give strong evidence of prosperity; they are all officered by competent companions, and are in possession of the necessary clothing and furniture, the clothing being in strict accord with the requirements of the Grand Chapter.

Revision of Constitution.

At the Quarterly Communication in June, a Committee was appointed to revise the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, a number of meetings were held and a revision agreed upon, which was reported to the Grand Chapter at the Quarterly Communication in September when it was ordered printed and sent out to the Subordinate Chapters, with notice that it would come up for consideration at the Quarterly Communication in December, at which time the provisions in reference to the appointment of a board of Trustees and defining their duties and amendment to Section 9, Article XVII page 52, Constitution by striking out five in third line of said Section 9 page 52 and inserting one and striking out the letter "s" in the word balls in said line making it read, "one black ball shall establish the existence of such objection" were adopted, thus becoming part of the Constitution. The other provisions of the report were referred back to the Committee and will be considered by Grand Chapter at Quarterly Communication in December 1909. The revision is of utmost importance to the Grand Chapter and should receive most careful consideration.

Among the many provisions of great importance is the one in reference to "Masonic clothing," the idea is uniformity, but such does not exist in this Jurisdiction to day and the condition is not creditable to the Grand Chapter. The general idea has been to have all clothing conform to that in use by the Grand Chapter. This seemingly would solve the problem as it is taken for granted that the same style of clothing has been in use since the organization of the Grand Chapter. In this revision, let us not consider the especial advantage of any individual or Chapter but the welfare of Capitular Masonry in the Jurisdiction.

Marks.

The MARK is an annoying subject, one which, if the delinquents had regard for their obligations would be easily solved, but so many look upon the obligations as a mere matter of form and consequently treat the request to furnish a copy of their Marks for record with indifference, hence it becomes one of the most difficult duties devolving upon the Grand High Priest. Persistant effort by a number of my predecessors accomplished great good and during my term I have pursued the subject vigorously and if I could have enlisted the High Priests and Secretaries of all Chapters in which there were members who have not furnished their Marks for record, I firmly believe every Mark would have been recorded, but as it is I am compelled to turn over to my successor a most undesirable legacy; the number of unrecorded Marks at this date being fifty

seven, all of which save three are in the City of Philadelphia, easy of access, to the incoming Grand High Priest.

What has been said as to what constitutes recording a Mark, while as plain as the English language can make it, seems to be misunderstood by some of the Secretaries of Chapters, who insist that when a copy of the Mark is in his possession it is to all intent and purpose recorded. I have learned such to be the case in several Chapters, hence there may be a question as to the correctness of the reports from a number of the Chapters, which can only be determined by an examination of the Mark books, by the District Deputy Grand High Priests of the several Districts, or some one specially appointed for that purpose.

There is no necessity to again repeat the requirements as to recording Marks, but simply refer to where the information can be had. Article XVI, Section 10, Constitution page 48, bottom of page 66 proceedings of 1904, page 53 proceedings 1905. A study of the above references will convince any fair minded Companion as to what is meant by the recording of a Mark. I would suggest that every Secretary who has doubts as to recording Marks, make a study of the above references.

In a number of instances, I have asked the Secretaries of Chapters who had seemingly exhausted every remedy to secure unrecorded Marks for a list of such delinquents and their address; they were furnished and it is a pleasure to say that in all but a very few cases, I have secured the Marks. What I have done

could have been done with as much ease by either the Most Excellent High Priest or Secretary.

The remaining unrecorded Marks may be divided into three classes. First:—Those whose owners it is impossible to locate, notices directed to their last known place of residence having been returned for years, it is therefore almost fair to presume they are dead. Grand Chapter should take some action to relieve the Mark Lodges and Chapters in cases of this character. Second:—of those who claim to have recorded their Marks in either a Mark Lodge or Chapter and protest against being compelled to record it in the other body. While recording a Mark once meets all requirements, yet it must be a queer Capitular Mason who has not sufficient pride in his Mark Lodge or Chapter, to furnish his Mark, in order to complete the records. Third:—of those who refuse to furnish their Marks for record, fortunately the number is small and time may enable them to see their error and fulfil a bounden duty; failing to do so, Grand Chapter should dispose of *them* very quickly.

Statement of Unrecorded Marks.

Number of unrecorded Marks in Chapters, Dec. 27, 1906	1616
Number of unrecorded Marks in Mark Lodges, Dec. 27, 1906	155
TOTAL Unrecorded Marks	1771
Marks recorded in Chapters to date	1588
Marks recorded in Mark Lodges to date	126
	1714
TOTAL Unrecorded Marks, December 29, 1908	57

As follows:

Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 3	1	
Harmony " " " " 52	2	
Union " " " " 165	1	
Philadelphia " " " " 169	1	
Keystone " " " " 175	2	
Duquesne " " " " 193	1	
Tioga " " " " 194	1	
Germanton " " " " 208	11	
Kensington " " " " 233	6	
Palestine " " " " 240	2	28
Columbia Mark Lodge No. 91	4	
Excelsior " " " 216	25	29
Total		57

Royal Arch Chapters.

No.	Name	Place of Meeting	Unrecorded Marks Dec. 27, 1906	Reduction 1907 1908	Unrecorded Marks Dec. 27, 1908
3	Jerusalem	Philadelphia	26	25	1
21	Perseverance	Harrisburg			
43		Lancaster			
52	Harmony	Philadelphia	97	95	2
91	Columbia	Philadelphia			
150	Washington	Washington			
152	Reading	Reading	41	41	
159	Schuylkill	Minersville	1	1	
161	Union	Towanda	2	2	
162	Zerubbabel	Pittsburgh	16	16	
163	La Fayette	Lock Haven			
164	Brownsville	Brownsville	5	5	
165	Union	Uniontown	20	19	1
166	Mount Moriah	Hollidaysburg	21	21	
167	Eureka	Rochester			
169	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	15	14	1
170	Delta	New Castle			
171	St. John's	Carlisle			
172	Temple	Tunkhannock	2	2	
173	Easton	Easton	6	6	
174	Northumberland	Sunbury	17	17	
175	Keystone	Philadelphia	2		2
176	George Washington,	Chambersburg			

No.	Name	Place of Meeting	Unrecorded Marks Dec. 27, 1906	Reduction 1907 1908	Unrecorded Marks Dec. 27, 1908
177	Tamaqua	Tamaqua	10	10	
178	Catawissa	Catawissa			
179	Eureka	Carbondale	38	38	
180	Warren	Montrose	1	1	
181	Lilly	Mauch Chunk	34	34	
182	Shekinah	Wilkes Barre	8	8	
183	Oriental	Philadelphia	58	58	
185	Lackawanna	Scranton			
186	Lewistown	Lewistown	3	3	
187	Oriental	Conneautville	2	2	
189	Mountain	Altoona	118	118	
190	Norristown	Norristown	1	1	
191	Solomon	Meadville			
192	Urania	Greensburg			
193	Duquesne	Pittsburgh	45	44	1
194	Tioga	Wellsboro	12	11	1
195	Portage	Johnstown	4	4	
196	Mountain City	Pottsville	30	30	
197	Weidle	Lebanon	48	48	
198	Phoenix	Phoenixville			
199	Howell	York	2	2	
200	Columbus	Corry	14	14	
201	Standing Stone	Huntingdon	5	5	
202	Howell	West Chester	12	12	
203	Allen	Allentown			
204	Anthony Wayne	Honesdale	1	1	
205	Factoryville	Factoryville	16	16	
206	Harmony	Beaver Falls			
207	Aaron	Titusville			
208	Germantown	Germantown, Phila.	28	17	11
209	Samuel C. Perkins	Mechanicsburg	3	3	
210	Great Bend	Great Bend	2	2	
211	Venango	Franklin	25	25	
212	Mound	Greenville	12	12	
214	Valley	Plymouth	1	1	
215	Temple	Erie			
216	Zinzendorf	Bethlehem	2	2	
217	Allegheny	Pittsburgh, N. Side			
218	Bloomsburg	Bloomsburg			
219	Griscom	Ashland	2	2	
220	Fort Washington	Fort Washington	1	1	

No.	Name	Place of Meeting	Unrecorded Marks Dec. 27, 1906	Reduction 1907 1908	Unrecorded Marks Dec. 27, 1908
221	Tremont	Tremont	50	50	
222	Lycoming	Williamsport	11	11	
223	Oxford	Oxford	4	4	
224	Corinthian	Columbia			
225	Jefferson	Brookville			
226	Siloam	Philadelphia	11	11	
227	Emporium	Emporium	7	7	
228	Clearfield	Clearfield	1	1	
230	Elk	Ridgway	2	2	
232	St. John	Philadelphia	57	57	
233	Kensington	Philadelphia	68	62	6
234	Media	Media			
235	Occidental	Warren	22	22	
236	Oil City	Oil City			
237	Excelsior	Reading			
238	Newport	Newport	7	7	
239	Danville	Danville	5	5	
240	Palestine	Philadelphia	75	73	2
241	Bellfonte	Bellfonte	28	28	
242	Pittston	Pittston	36	36	
243	T. B. Freeman	Philadelphia	8	8	
244	Norman	Sharon	1	1	
245	Abington	Jenkintown	19	19	
246	Warrior Run	Watsontown			
247	Orient	Kittanning	4	4	
248	Temple	Philadelphia	1	1	
249	Monongahela	Monongahela City	55	55	
250	Corinthian	Philadelphia	37	37	
251	Signet	Philadelphia	27	27	
252	Mizpah	Mahanoy City	17	17	
254	Arnold	Port Allegany	2	2	
255	Bedford	Bedford	26	26	
256	University	Philadelphia	54	54	
257	Shiloh	Pittsburgh	5	5	
258	Chester	Chester	50	50	
259	Eden	Clarion	2	2	
260	Bradford	Bradford	11	11	
261	Troy	Troy	30	30	
262	Montgomery	Ardmore			
263	Coudersport	Coudersport	2	2	
264	Shamokin	Shamokin	2	2	

No.	Name	Place of Meeting	Unrecorded Marks Dec. 27, 1906	Reduction 1907 1908	Unrecorded Marks Dec. 27, 1908
265	Westfield	Westfield	6	6	
266	Good Samaritan	Gettysburg	2	2	
267	Coatesville	Coatesville	14	14	
268	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	1	1	
269	Ulysses	Ulysses			
270	Doylestown	Doylestown			
271	Pottstown	Pottstown			
272	Hebron	Meyersdale	5	5	
273	Butler	Butler			
274	Bangor	Bangor	4	4	
275	Kennett	Kennett Square	26	26	
276	Susquehanna	Susquehanna	5	5	
277	Hazelton	Hazelton			
278	Catasauqua	Catasauqua	4	4	
279	Kane	Kane			
280	Cyrus	Carnegie			
281	Monroe	Stroudsburg	1	1	
282	McKeesport	McKeesport			
283	Connellsville	Connellsville			
284	Melita	Philadelphia	2	2	
285	Wilkinsburg	Wilkinsburg			
286	Bellevue	Bellevue			
287	Nanticoke	Nanticoke			
288	Mizpeh	Pittsburgh, N. Side			
289	Valley	Wilmerding			
290	Monessen	Monessen			
			1616	1588	28

Mark Lodges.

91	Columbia	Philadelphia	42	38	4
214	Girard	Philadelphia	69	69	
216	Excelsior	Philadelphia	44	19	25
			155	126	29

Conclusion.

The honors which I have enjoyed at your hands in

two years' service as Grand High Priest, have been duly appreciated. My association with the officers and members of the subordinate Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction have been of the most pleasant character. I have learned to know better than ever before the character and standing of those who comprise the Capitular family in this Jurisdiction, indicating to me that they fully realize the responsibility which rests upon them as members of this branch of the Masonic Fraternity; that character, standing in society and fitness for advancement has ever been the watchword which has brought about this high standard. Who, knowing and believing the facts just stated, would not feel a great pride in having presided over such a body of men and Masons? Hence my term of service in this respect has been one of continued pleasure, but my regret has been that I have not been able to accomplish for Capitular Masonry as much as I had hoped. I, however, have given it my best effort.

In the six years in which I have served as a Grand Chapter Officer, I have never missed a meeting, traveling from almost the extreme Western part of the State to this city, through the heat of summer and cold of winter, thus enabling me to comply with my obligations in the performance of every duty, and these meetings have been times of great enjoyment to me. For this watchful care of a kind Providence I give thanks.

The District Deputy Grand High Priests have faithfully performed their duties, ever watchful of the best interests of Capitular Masonry and guarding its

ancient landmarks from innovation; they have one and all fully met my highest expectations and have my sincere thanks.

The most kindly relations have existed between myself and the elective officers with whom I have served and also with the appointed officers who on all occasions have rendered me every assistance in their power. Their duties have been well and faithfully performed and one of my greatest pleasures in after life will be to look back upon the pleasant associations with these good Companions.

Ill health has deprived me of the valuable assistance and service of our faithful and accomplished Grand Secretary. In the goodness of God he has, in a measure, been restored to health and strength.

The fervent prayer of every member of this Grand Chapter is, that he may be permanently restored to health and strength and be enabled to serve this Grand Chapter for many years to come. To his faithful and conscientious assistant I am indebted more than words can tell; to me and to this Grand Chapter his services have been invaluable.

Little remains for me to do, save only to install my worthy and distinguished successor, surrendering to him the sceptre of my authority and bid farewell to you, my Companions, only as your Grand High Priest, assuring you that so long as life and health are spared, I shall be regular in my attendance upon the meetings of Grand Chapter.

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communi-

cation, held on Thursday, December 5, 1907, as refers to the election of Grand Officers, was read.

All of the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion CARL A. SUNDSTROM was installed *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging*, was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, and were duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Craft:

Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH	*M. E. Grand King.*
" **GEORGE B. WELLS**	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
" **EDWARD B. SPENCER**	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest then presented the following address to the Grand Chapter and announced the following appointments:

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER:—Having been called by your suffrage to occupy the exalted station of Most Excellent Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, I am greatly impressed by a deep sense of the responsibilities, the duties and the privileges of this high office. These responsibilities and duties are a sacred trust vested in the Grand High Priest, who, in the proper execution thereof, will find important work for his mental energy, and wide opportunities for his usefulness. But without the hearty

co-operation and assistance of you, my Companions, my efforts cannot be successful. I feel sure, however, that having placed in my hands the power of authority, you will vindicate the wisdom of your action, by giving me your fraternal and undivided support.

In full realization of these facts, I invoke the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, the Creator of all authority, and by Whose will obedience to human laws is established.

I have no new policy to announce or new road to follow. The way appointed for me is a well-defined highway, illuminated by the ancient usages, customs and landmarks of the Fraternity and paved with the unchangeable and indestructible principles of Capitular Masonry. The boast of Freemasonry is its antiquity. Let it be corroded with innovations and its stability is impaired. I shall therefore be watchful and keep clearly within boundaries of this old and much-traveled highway.

Some of my distinguished predecessors have labored diligently and have accomplished much in reducing the number of unrecorded Marks; but there is still a considerable amount of work to be done, particularly among the Philadelphia Chapters and Mark Lodges. By a special effort of the presiding officers of these bodies, unrecorded Marks would be a thing of the past, within a short time.

The usefulness of the District Deputy Grand High Priests is becoming more appreciated every year, and some of them have won distinction by their knowledge of the work and of the laws and usages of the Craft. It

is their duty to prevent innovations, detect errors, see that the laws are not violated, and assist in advancing Capitular Masonry to that high degree of proficiency which should be the ambition of every Royal Arch Mason.

Masonry in Pennsylvania is an institution which manifests conservatism in all its branches. The beautiful teachings, impressive lessons and rich symbolism of Capitular Masonry can only be brought out prominently and made applicable to our daily walks of life by a strict adherence to the authorized work and a constant preservation of its purity.

We cannot open too many avenues for the dissemination of Masonic knowledge. I therefore urge upon the District Deputy Grand High Priests to carefully instruct the officers of the Chapters under their care, and should a Chapter need more attention than the District Deputy Grand High Priest can afford to give, an experienced instructor will be furnished upon application to the M. E. Grand High Priest. Then there will be no excuse for an officer of a Chapter being ignorant of the Work assigned to him.

During my travels through the Jurisdiction I have noticed a tendency of Past High Priests to monopolize minor offices. No doubt they imagine they are manifesting enthusiasm; but they would benefit their Chapters far more by discontinuing this practice, and thereby inspire the young members to become ambitious and learn the duties, not only of the offices they occupy, but of those for which they may be applicants. Every Companion knows that an honor has been con-

ferred upon him by giving him an office, either by election or by appointment, and that it is his duty to show his appreciation by filling it creditably.

The young members are the coming men in the Chapter; give them every encouragement and ample opportunity to develope.

In connection with this, let me emphasize a decision of M. E. Companion MEREDITH. "A Companion who cannot do the work of the Chapter cannot be installed Most Excellent High Priest. Opening and closing are part of the duties of the Most Excellent High Priest."

In entering upon a new Masonic year, let us emulate what is praiseworthy in the past and appropriately use the opportunities of the present; and may the Supreme Architect of the Universe inspire us with the sublime teachings of Capitular Masonry, and imbue us with proper sentiments to maintain its high standard. Give us strength to overcome personal prejudices and vouchsafe for our Honorable Institution, peace and prosperity.

APPOINTMENTS.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

The County of Philadelphia will be under the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. CARL A. SUNDSTROM.

1. Companion Henry A. Jenks, of Phœnixville, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery (except Chapter No. 262), and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion Joseph C. Egbert, of Wayne, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198), and Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

3. Companion John B. Sprenkel, of York, for the Counties of Adams, Berks, Lancaster, Lebanon and York.

4. Companion Frederick W. Ulrich, of Bethlehem, for the Counties of Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton and Pike.

5. Companion David J. Davis, of Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne, and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming County.

6. Companion Henry L. Moore, of Wilkes-Barre, for the Counties of Luzerne and Sullivan, and Chapters No. 161, of Bradford County, and No. 172, of Wyoming County.

7. Companion Peter K. Filbert, of Pottsville, for the Counties of Carbon and Schuylkill.

8. Companion William F. Shay, of Watsontown, for the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union.

9. Companion Arthur W. Gillan, of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry.

10. Companion Martin L. Shaffner of Huntingdon, for the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Mifflin.

11. Companion George W. Vernes, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and

Chapters No. 194, of Tioga County, and No. 261 of Bradford County.

12. William K. Reed, of Ridgway, for the Counties of Cameron, Clearfield and Elk, and Chapter No. 279, of McKean County.

13. Companion Lyman M. Finney, of Bradford, for the Counties of McKean (except Chapter No. 279, at Kane), and Potter, and Chapter No. 265, of Tioga County.

14. Companion Porter W. Lowry, of Butler, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson.

15. Companion Winfield S. Bell, of Pittsburgh, for Chapter No. 150, of Washington County, and Chapters Nos. 162, 193, 257, 268, 280 and 285, of Allegheny County.

16. Companion William J. Poschman, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 217, 282, 286, 288 and 289, of Allegheny County.

17. Companion John A. Armstrong, of Connellsville, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Washington (except Chapter No. 150, at Washington), and Westmoreland.

18. Companion Allan W. Urmson, of New Castle, for the Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.

19. Companion Peter Barkey, of Erie, for the Counties of Crawford and Erie (except Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County).

20. Companion Charles E. Cooper, of Oil City, for the Counties of Forest, Venango and Warren, and Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County.

Trustees.

M. E. Companion J. Henry Williams, P. G. H. P., Companion Edward Perry and Companion Charles Chipman.

Grand Chaplains.

Comp. Rev. Benjamin F. Delo, of Clarion.
Comp. Rev. Thompson P. Ege, of Oaks.
Comp. Rev. Wm. B. Chalfant, D. D. of Philadelphia.
Comp. Rev. Horace F. Fuller, of Philadelphia.
Comp. Rev. Robert C. Bowling, of Kittanning.
Comp. Rev. Wm. B. Wood, D.D., of Philadelphia.
Comp. Rev. Charles H. Bond, of Norwood.
Comp. Rev. Clarence H. Woolston, D.D., of Philadelphia.

Grand Captain of the Host.

Comp. Samuel Laughlin, of Chapter No. 232.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

Comp. J. Waelder McMullen, of Chapter No. 175.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Comp. S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Chapter No. 240.

Grand Master of Third Vail.

Comp. Frank W. Martenis, of Chapter No. 216.

Grand Master of Second Vail.

Comp. David Carlin, of Chapter No. 286.

Grand Master of First Vail.

Comp. August P. Kunzig, of Chapter No. 243.

Grand Marshal.

Comp. Charles S. Bair, of Chapter No. 256.

Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. John Matthews, of Chapter No. 250.

Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. Joseph E. Quinby, of Chapter No. 234.

Grand Pursuivant.

Comp. Francis J. Callahan, of Chapter No. 251.

Grand Tyler.

Comp. John H. McNelly, of Chapter No. 233.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

M. E. Comp. Hibbert P. John, P. G. H. P.,
M. E. Comp. George W. Kendrick, Jr., P. G. H. P.
M. E. Comp. Edgar A. Tennis, P. G. H. P.
M. E. Comp. H. Oscar Kline, P. G. H. P.

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Committee on Appeals.

M. E. Comp. Alexander H. Morgan, P. G. H. P.
M. E. Comp. Michael W. Jacobs, P. G. H. P.

M. E. Comp. J. Henry Williams, P. G. H. P.
Comp. George W. Hall,
Comp. Adam H. Schmehl.

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M. E. Comp. Ezra S. Bartlett, P. G. H. P.
Comp. M. Richards Muckle,
Comp. William M. Donaldson,
Comp. John A. Perry,
Comp. Daniel Baird.

Committee on By-Laws.

Comp. Daniel W. Hutchin,
Comp. Stephen H. Appleton.
Comp. A. Howard Thomas,
Comp. Henry W. Smith,
Comp. William A. Rhoads.

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M. E. Comp. William B. Meredith, P. G. H. P.
Comp. Stockton Bates,
Comp. Robert E. Umbel,
Comp. James W. Hughes,
Comp. George Hale.

Committee on Charity.

Comp. John E. Poore,
Comp. Samuel Diemer,
Comp. Joseph H. Brown,
Comp. George C. Johnstone,
Comp. J. Henry Lape.

Committee on Printing and Publishing.

Comp. Louis M. Wagner,
Comp. James W. R. Washington,
Comp. Alexander McCune,
Comp. Frank E. Townsend,
Comp. Robert F. Mustin, Jr.

Companion STOCKTON BATES was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary, which appointment was approved by Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion CARL A. SUNDSTROM, in a very happy vein and in the following most pleasing address, original in matter and complimentary in tone, presented a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel to the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH:

"A little more than nineteen centuries ago the angels sang "Peace on earth and good will toward men." This sentiment has never been nearer to the true accomplishment than during the Christmas celebration just ended. It has been enshrined in the hearts of all inhabitants of Christian nations, and has animated them with a sense of unselfish love and a growing desire to spread pleasure and happiness. It has been an open-handed and big-hearted Christmas. Depression in business has been forgotten. Social, political and religious differences have been overlooked, the hearts of the sufferers have been gladdened, and we have basked in the sunshine of happiness and good will.

Why should not the spirit of Christmas be perpetuated for the balance of the year?

In the Scandinavian countries Christmas is continued for twenty days, with festivities of various kinds, and the presentation of gifts. It is indeed a happy coincidence that a native of the Land of the Midnight Sun should be permitted to commemorate a custom of the land of his birth by presenting a gift from the Grand Chapter on this occasion when the Christmas festivities in Philadelphia are supposed to have ended.

The gift I refer to is a Past Grand High Priest's jewel, to be presented to the retiring Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and this is an unusually pleasant task, because it gives me an opportunity to express my personal esteem and regard for him, as well as the love and affection with which he is enshrined in the hearts of his Companions.

Most Excellent Companion MEREDITH, for two years you have ruled over this Grand Chapter and by your amiable qualities have endeared yourself to the Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania.

Never has the Grand Chapter been presided over with more ability; never have our ancient traditions been better preserved; never have our laws and usages been more strictly enforced.

Your retirement may be likened unto a beautiful sunset, where the sun in all his brilliancy sinks beneath the horizon. Though he has passed out of sight, the reflection of his glory still lingers to illuminate the sky and cheer our eyes and hearts long after.

Accept this jewel and honor the Grand Chapter by wearing it. Like the setting sun, continue to cheer the eyes and hearts of the members of this Grand Chapter by your presence though you no longer wield the sceptre, and give us the benefit of your ripe judgment and valuable experience."

P. G. H. P. M. E. Comp. WILLIAM B. MEREDITH in receiving the jewel of a Past Grand High Priest said:

"MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:—There are times in life when one feels that silence, or at most, a simple "Thank you," should meet every requirement, and on this occasion I certainly would prefer that course, but I know something more is expected of me, having just vacated the exalted station now filled by you. I am again back in the ranks, and in the future I must be more of a listener than an actor in the business and Work of the Grand Chapter.

Six years of service as an Officer of the Grand Chapter compels me to say, that he who seeks office in the Grand Chapter must be prepared to give it considerable time and attention—in fact, sacrifice himself to its service. At the same time he will find much to admire, and that there are duties to be performed of a character that brings out all there is in a man—brotherly love, charity and devotion to the teachings of Free Masonry; his pride and ambition should be to discharge his duty in a manner that will uphold the dignity of the Grand Chapter and also reflect credit upon himself.

While no pretension is made that anything of more than ordinary importance has occurred during the past two years or that which I have done will compare with that of many of my predecessors, and imperfect though it may be, yet I have labored faithfully, earnestly, cheerfully and with a heart filled with love and devotion, to advance the best interests of Capitular Masonry, and in so doing add honor and character to our time-honored Fraternity.

My knowledge of Capitular Masonry has been greatly increased during the time I have served as a Grand Chapter Officer. A familiarity with the Constitution, the decisions, and a knowledge of the work of the Capitular Degrees is absolutely essential that one may correct, instruct and encourage the worker and those seeking information.

The acquaintances that are formed in Grand Chapter and through visits throughout the Jurisdiction have been of the most pleasing character, enabling one to form the true estimate of the membership of our Subordinate Chapters; to meet them in their home-towns and Chapter Halls and partake of their hospitality makes one thank his God that he is a Mason. The acquaintances thus formed will be cherished through life.

The Jewel means more than its market value and while the presentation may be a custom, it means the confidence and respect the exalted station should command, and every time it is worn it calls to mind the hallowed associations thereof.

It has been a duty with me to attend my Chapter

and Grand Chapter whenever possible, hence when a Grand Officer I was simply following the established rule in giving so much time and attention to the affairs of Grand Chapter, and, having returned to the ranks, shall be as regular in attendance upon the meetings of Grand Chapter as is possible, although at the time of the Quarterly Communication in March I shall in all probability follow another custom—that of witnessing the Inauguration of the President of the United States.

To you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I desire to return my sincere thanks for your kindly manner in presenting the Jewel and to assure you that I highly appreciate the many kindnesses shown me during our four years of service together, and may that God, who is over all, guide, direct and preserve you in health and strength during life.

Allow me again to thank, not only the members of Grand Chapter, but Capitular Masons of the Jurisdiction for their uniform kindness and to assure them that my interest in Ancient Craft Masonry shall never wane.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and thirty minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY.
Grand Secretary.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OF

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

1795, William Ball.†
1796—1797, William Moore Smith.†
1798—1802, Jonathan Bayard Smith.†
1802—1805, Israel Israel.†
1806—1813, James Milnor.†
1814, Richard Tybout.†
1815, Samuel F. Bradford.†
1816—1817, Walter Kerr.†
1818—1821, Bayse Newcomb.†
1822—1823, Josiah Randall.†
1824—1825, Michael Nisbet.†
1826, John Steele, Jr.†
1827, Tristram B. Freeman.†
1828, Joseph S. Riley.†
1829—1831, John M. Read.†
1832—1833, Samuel H. Perkins.†
1834, Enos S. Gandy.†
1835, John Y. Black.†
1836—1840, Joseph R. Chandler.†
1841—1842, Alexander Dimond.†
1843—1844, William Whitney.†
1845—1846, William Barger.†
1847, John McGrath.†
1848, John J. Krider.†
1849, James Simpson.†

†Deceased.

1850—1851, David C. Skerrett.†
1852—1853, Edward P. Lescure.†
1854, Anthony Bournonville.†
1855—1856, Harman Baugh.†
1857, John C. Smith.†
1858—1859, Daniel Thompson.†
1860, Benjamin Parke.†
1861, Harman Yerkes.†
1862—1863, Jeremiah L. Hutchinson.†
1864—1865, George W. Wood.†
1866—1867, Samuel C. Perkins.†
1868—1869, George Griscom.†
1870—1871, Michael Nisbet.†
1874—1875, Andrew Robeno, Jr.†
1876, George E. Wagner.†
1877—1878, Alfred R. Potter.†
1879—1880, William C. Hamilton.†
1881—1882, Hibbert P. John.
1883—1884, Augustus R. Hall.†
1885—1886, George W. Kendrick, Jr.
1887—1888, Matthias H. Henderson.†
1889—1890, James S. Barber.†
1891—1892, Alexander H. Morgan.
1893—1894, Edgar A. Tennis.
1895—1896, Ezra S. Bartlett.
1897—1898, Richard M. Johnson.†
1899—1900, Michael W. Jacobs.
1901—1902, Edward B. Spencer.
1903—1904, H. Oscar Kline.
1905—1906, J. Henry Williams.
1907—1908, William B. Meredith.

†Deceased.

Engraved by Sam'l Sartain Phila.

Wm. M. Whitney

M. E. Grand High Priest.

1843-1844.

Our Dead.

"Away! we know that tears are vain,
That Death nor heeds nor hears distress:
Will this unteach us to complain?
Or make one mourner weep the less?
And thou, who tell'st me to forget,
Thy looks are wan, thine eyes are wet."

In Memoriam

JAMES SHALLCROSS BARBER

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST

"————Death should come
Gently to one of gentle mould, like thee,
As light winds, wandering through groves of bloom,
Detach the delicate blossoms from the tree,
Close thy sweet eyes calmly, and without pain,
And we will trust in God to see thee yet again."

In Memoriam

MATTHIAS HOLSTEIN HENDERSON

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST

"When our souls shall leave this dwelling,
The glory of one fair and virtuous action
Is above all the scutcheons on our tomb,
Or silken banners over us."

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased.

ISAAC D. LUTZ	Chapter	No.	21	Aug.	4, 1908
J. GUSTAVUS ZOOK	"	"	43	Nov.	15, 1908
WILLIAM J. KELLY	"	"	52	Oct.	20, 1908
CHARLES W. NOLEN	"	"	169	Feb.	21, 1908
JAMES D. REA	"	"	171	Oct.	11, 1908
JOSEPH ALEXANDER, Jr.	"	"	179	June	26, 1908
DAVID C. AINEY	"	"	180	June	7, 1908
ALEXANDER LENDRUM	"	"	182	Aug.	8, 1908
ALPHONSO C. IRELAND	"	"	183	Feb.	6, 1908
A. SLOAN NELSON	"	"	187	Sep.	4, 1908
SAMUEL BROWN	"	"	190	Oct.	18, 1908
SILAS A. RISHER	"	"	192	Feb.	21, 1908
RICHARD COULTER	"	"	192	Oct.	14, 1908
JOHN W. MATHER	"	"	194	Mar.	19, 1908
WILLIAM S. MONROE	"	"	195	May	31, 1908
JEREMIAH J. CAKE	"	"	196	Dec.	21, 1908
CHARLES F. YOST	"	"	197	Aug.	27, 1908
MICHAEL W. REINOEHL	"	"	197	April	20, 1908
WILLIAM T. ATKINS	"	"	197	Dec.	31, 1907
ISAAC CLEGG	"	"	198	Mar.	3, 1908
SAMUEL J. ROUSE	"	"	199	April	8, 1908
NATHAN .SUPPLEE	"	"	202	Aug.	4, 1908
JOHN WHITEMAN	"	"	208	June	9, 1908
ROBERT H. THOMAS	"	"	209	Jan.	3, 1908
CHARLES J. BRANDT	"	"	209	Nov.	10, 1908
THOMAS D. HUTCHINGS	"	"	210	Nov.	16, 1908

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased.

FAYETTE HERRICK.....	"	"	212	Jan.	22, 1908
AARON W. GEORGE.....	"	"	214	June	6, 1908
CHARLES F. ROYCE....	"	"	217	Jan.	15, 1908
WILLIAM W. BARRATT.	"	"	218	Oct.	25, 1908
BENJAMIN KAUFMAN...	"	"	221	Nov.	19, 1908
JOHN COWLEY.....	"	"	221	Dec.	12, 1908
W. STUART WEAVER....	"	"	225	July	15, 1908
CONRAD K. DOLBEY....	"	"	234	Mar.	4, 1908
WILLIAM S. LEFFARD..	"	"	235	May	18, 1908
JOSHUA S. LEIBY.....	"	"	238	Dec.	28, 1907
JOHN W. FARNSWORTH	"	"	239	Sep.	9, 1908
WILLIAM R. JENKINS..	"	"	241	April	9, 1908
W. LONEBARGER STEELE	"	"	241	Nov.	7, 1908
ALFRED WELDON.....	"	"	243	Feb.	23, 1908
JOSEPH M. WIATT.....	"	"	243	Nov.	25, 1908
J. FRANK BOWER.....	"	"	256	Sept.	20, 1908
GEORGE P. BALMAIN...	"	"	257	April	7, 1908
HULBERT S. BLOSSOM.	"	"	260	Dec.	8, 1908
WILLIAM W. WHITMAN	"	"	261	Dec.	8, 1908
LEVI S. CLINE.....	"	"	262	Oct.	3, 1908
OLIVER C. BURKERT...	"	"	264	Oct.	25, 1908
ERNEST O. ROBINSON..	"	"	268	June	27, 1908
ALEXANDER M. KEPPEL	"	"	268	Nov.	27, 1908
ADDISON D. HARDING..	"	"	276	Oct.	29, 1908
HIRAM P. KUNTZ.....	"	"	277	Dec.	27, 1907

REPORT

OF THE

Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence submits herewith their report for year ending December 27th, 1908. As usual the work has been divided. The proceedings as they have been received have been distributed to the following members of the Committee for review.

Report of the Committee on Correspondence:

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Canada, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, England,	J. Henry Williams, P. G. H. P.
Florida, General Grand Chapter Georgia, Illinois, Indian Territory, Indiana, Iowa, Ireland, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana,	Thomas F. Penman

Maine, ...	Robert E. Umbel.
Maryland, . . .	
Massachusetts, . . .	
Michigan, . . .	
Minnesota, . . .	
Mississippi, . . .	
Missouri, . . .	
Montana, . . .	
Nebraska, . . .	
Nevada, ...	
New Brunswick, . .	
New Hampshire, . .	James W. Hughes.
New Jersey, . . .	
New Mexico, . . .	
New York, . . .	
North Carolina, . .	
North Dakota, . . .	
Nova Scotia, . . .	
Ohio, ...	
Oregon, ...	
Quebec, ...	
Rhode Island, . . .	
Scotland, ...	
South Carolina, . . .	George Hale.
South Dakota, . .	
Tennessee, . . .	
Texas, ...	
Vermont, . . .	
Victoria, . . .	
Virginia, . . .	
Washington, . . .	
West Virginia, . . .	
Wisconsin, . . .	

Those proceedings which usually have been allotted to M. E. Comp. Matthias H. Henderson, P. G. H. P. were by reason of his serious illness, and subsequent departure for the Great Beyond, assigned to the undersigned, who personally feels it eminently proper and fitting, that before taking up the work, he should announce to the Committees of Correspondence of the various Jurisdictions with whom we are in fraternal intercourse, the great loss sustained by us in the de-

cease of our Most Excellent Companion. His labors, untiring and intelligent far beyond the average, won for him an enviable position in the Capitular world. Tributes of respect to his memory were many and well deserved, but his work on this Committee will continue as a lasting monument to his integrity, zeal and fervor as long as Capitular Masonry exists and wherever it is known.

As a mark of respect to his memory the writer will review to the best of his ability, such reports as would have been alloted to M. E. Comp. Henderson. It will be his first and last effort in that direction, and is done solely from a sense of duty to the memory of M. E. Comp. Henderson, and at the urgent request of the M. E. G. H. P. William B. Meredith.

J. Henry Williams.

Dec. 28, 1908.

ALABAMA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama held its Eighty-first Annual Convention on December 2nd and 3rd 1907, at Montgomery with Grand High Priest Robert S. Teague presiding. A good picture of our M. E. Companion appears in the book with that of M. E. Comp. George A. Beauchamp, who is Grand Secretary and an Honorary Past Grand High Priest.

The M. E. Grand High Priest in his address says:

"During my term of office not a single Controversy has arisen, and no question of conflict has been presented for my action.—"

How pleasant it is to be able to record such a perfect

condition of Peace and Harmony

He pays due respect to the Fraternal Dead of his own and other Jurisdictions.

Nearly a score of Dispensations to ballot on Petitions without waiting the statutory time were granted. Perhaps there is, under the law of Alabama, good reason for this practice, but in our judgment rapidity and cheapness in Masonry will eventually cause much trouble, if not disaster.

The Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary show a satisfactory condition. The Secretary asked that a certificate in the nature of a dimit be given to one who averred he had been a member of a Chapter now defunct. The records do not show that he had ever received the degrees, but as the former High Priest of the Chapter certified that he was present when the applicant was exalted the Grand Chapter granted the certificate.

The Grand High Priest, by vote of Grand Chapter, was authorized to call a special convocation to install The Grand Scribe elect.

As this was subsequent to the adoption of the Constitution—Article 1, Sec. 4:

"The Grand High Priest shall have the power of convening the Grand Chapter whenever it may be necessary."

the motion would not seem to be required.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is by E. Comp. William Y. Titcomb who devotes nearly nine pages to Pennsylvania. He does not believe in the autocratic power of the M. E. Grand High Priest

and thinks it is because of this power we appropriate $3,000.00 to him annually. Well, we have flourished under our "autocrats," have no dissensions, harmony prevails, and we are abundantly blessed with prosperity—so why should we change? Our Jurisdiction is large geographically; many of our Chapters are hundreds of miles from the seat of government. Many visitations are made and the money is thus used for the benefit of the Craft.

The decisions of the writer, while Grand High Priest, are criticized, but no response will be made.

He apparently approves of our activity in having "Marks" recorded.

Lew Lazarus, M. E. Grand High Priest; George A. Beauchamp, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. H. W.

ARIZONA.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Arizona held its Eighteenth Annual Convocation in the "Stope" of the "Lone Star" Mine, under the town of Morenci, on November 20, 1907, with R. E. Francis Marion Zuck, Deputy Grand High Priest presiding; the M. E. Grand High Priest, Albert D. Barnhart, being absent owing to the death of his father.

Meeting in a "stope" is at least a novelty—but Masonic jurists can hardly find fault. *Cugus est soluni, ejus est usque ad coelum et ad infernos.* So that if the meeting were called in the town they might just as well have met in an anchored airship or a balloon

as in the "stope"—except that in the former they were nearer "coelum;" while in the "stope"—nearer "infernos."

Only routine business was transacted in the short session held. No Report on Correspondence.

Francis Marion Zuch, M. E. Grand High Priest; George James Roskruge, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. H. W.

ARKANSAS.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held its Fifty-Eighth Annual Convocation in the City of Little Rock, Nov. 21, 1907, John T. Hicks, M. E. Grand High Priest presiding. He opens his address to Grand Chapter with the following:

"What is the Cycle of a year? It is an age, says youth, full of purpose, promise and possibilities. It is but a span, says age within which to recount the failures and regrets of this life and to contemplate the joys of the world to come. When measured by the pleasures it brings us, it seems but a watch in the night, while its losses and its crosses may return to fret us until time shall be no more."

A true spirit of Masonic charity prevailed as was evidenced by the appropriation for the sick and needy.

The Evening session commenced at two o'clock P.M.

The Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports show substantial gains in membership and Finances.

No Report from Committee on Correspondence on account of the illness of Comp. David L. King.

Sam. H. Davidson, Grand High Priest; John C. Bone, Grand Secretary.

J. H. W.

CALIFORNIA.

The Proceedings of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter are illuminated by a steel engraving of M. E. Grand High Priest Charles Joseph Willett, from whose able address we cull the following:

"Royal Arch Masonry.

"My Companions, we cannot fail to realize that the position of the Royal Arch Chapter is a peculiar one. The Lodge gives the first opportunity of entrance upon the Masonic life. The Lodge is conspicuously before the public by reason of the dedicatory services in the laying of corner stones, in the Masonic funeral, in the dedication of Masonic Temples. The Commandery, K. T., by reason of its public pageants, is also well understood by all to be an important branch of Masonry. The Royal Arch Chapter is the most secret of all. It never appears as a body, in public processions or ceremonies of any kind. For this reason little or nothing is known about the Chapter except by its own members. Let me urge upon you the thought that it is this very modesty of presentation and this secrecy of conduct that give to Capitular Masonry a strength all its own.

Sometimes you hear something said about higher and lower degrees in Masonry. Often the remark is heard that all of Masonry is found in the degrees conferred in the Lodge. Neither of these concepts can come from the thoroughly cultivated Mason. There are not higher or lower degrees in Masonry. They are all of equal standing. One could just as logically say that all of mathematics is in the multiplication table as to assume that all of Masonry is found in the Masters Lodge.

On the threshold we learn that Masonry is not only a moral but also a progressive science, so that while we may find the germs of Masonic truth in the first three degrees, the more extensively we compass the degrees of Masonry, the more extended becomes our knowledge. As Capitular Masons, we work quietly and thoughtfully, and the result should be and is, to broaden our conception of manhood as well as of Masonry, of citizenship as well as of civility, of truth and justice and all the higher qualities which tend to the Godlike."

The Grand "Lecturer" solicited the assistance of the Grand Chapter in the solution of the following question which he had been asked:

"A visitor, member of a Mark Master's Lodge in England, and not having received any of the other Capitular Degrees, desires to visit a Chapter in this Jurisdiction during the conferring of the Mark Master's Degree; is he entitled to a committee for examination to that end? I decided adversely, basing my decision on the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of California:"

Which was answered by the Committee on Jurisprudence and adopted by the Grand Chapter as follows, viz:

"No one is entitled to a Committee on Examination except he had received all the Capitular Degrees in a just and legally constituted Royal Arch Chapter."

The decision would be the same in this Jurisdiction, although we have had until lately the anomaly of an accredited representative from, and now have, to a Body whose members cannot visit our Chapters!

The Grand Secretary presented the regrets of Doctor (sic) and M. E. Comp. ——— —. ——— for his enforced absence caused by the demands of his profession.

Quite an "ad" for the individual, but out of place in the printed proceedings of a Masonic body.

No Report on Pennsylvania from the Committee on Correspondence, although our Reports are always sent. They must have been lost on the journey across the continent.

Frederick William G. Moebus, Grand High Priest; William A. Davies, Grand Secretary.

J. H. W.

CANADA.

The printed Proceedings for 1907 in a volume of nearly 400 pages are unusually interesting as they contain not only the Proceedings of the Fiftieth Annual Convocation, but also an historical address of the 50 years of existence of the Grand Chapter of Canada and the origin of the Royal Arch degree, delivered by M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, P. G. Z., and Historian of the Craft in that Jurisdiction. Pictures are shown of all P. G. First Principals from 1857 to date.

The address of the M. E. Grand Z., after referring to the illustrious departed, recounts the work of the year. He very properly declined to permit the Warrant of a Chapter to be transferred to a distant town to accomodate members of a Blue Lodge there located to receive degrees.

He prohibited the working of any degrees save those authorized by the Grand Chapter.

The Jurisdiction is divided into Districts under the supervision of Grand Superintendents who presented very able Reports of their doings.

There is reported a gain of 1,015 with the then membership 12, 071. Finances also in a flourishing condition.

The Report on Benevolence shows payments of $970.00 to various members, widows and children. To fittingly celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary, fifty per cent. was added to these grants for the year 1907, and $500.00 appropriated to found a cot in the Lakeside Home for Little Children.

The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, report *inter alia:*

"The face of Royal Arch Masonry is placid, not a ripple of discord or complaint existing to cause anxiety. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her Paths are peace."

R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett, Grand S. E., writes the Report of the Committee on Correspondence and right well he does it. He reviews Pennsylvania in six pages, paying a beautiful tribute to the memory of M. E. Comp. Thomas R. Patton.

R. E. Comp. Bennett thinks G. H. P. Williams too exacting in his views on physical perfection. Well, the writer did not think so when he stated these views, nor has time and reflection induced a change. It is submitted that no new doctrine was announced, simply a statement of the law as it had existed from time immemorial—as it has been handed down and "as it was, is now, and ever will be," we hope, in this Jurisdiction.

He makes the common mistake of spelling our Cary with an "e"—Charles Cary is our M. E. Grand Secretary.

M. E. Comp. John Leslie, Grand Z.

R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett, Grand S. E.

The Fifty-First Convocation will be held in Toronto, January 27, 1909.

J. H. W.

COLORADO.

Held its Annual Thirty-Fourth Convocation at

Denver, September 24, 1908, by M. E. Grand High Priest William W. Cooper.

Our representative Harper M. Orahood was present.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered a most exhaustive and instructive address.

He decided that the Capitular degrees could not be conferred upon one who had lost his right thumb. This is in accord with Pennsylvania Law.

He made many Official Visits and was everywhere received with proper courtesy and much hospitality.

Under the heading of the "Scope of the Institution," he says:

"1. That Freemasonry is a system of natural and moral philosophy strangely interwoven, and has afforded the keenest pleasure to those who delight in the study of the occult.

"2. That it is a great fraternity or brotherhood, perhaps the greatest the world has ever known, 'uniting men of every country, sect and opinion;' a band of brethren bound together by the strongest ties to aid and protect one another in the unceasing trials and struggles of human life.

"3. That it is a great system of morality, whose influence for good upon the lives of those who have come in contact with it has been immeasurable, and the practice of whose teachings will not only bring real happiness in this life, but will prepare the soul for greater development throughout all eternity."

Membership, 3,816.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Comp. Ernest LeNeve Foster, Chairman. He reviews Pennsylvania's Proceedings for 1907 in nearly four pages of intelligent criticism.

In speaking of the remarks of M. E. Comp. William B. Meredith, M. E. G. H. P., when he said: "To have

the Masonic Clothing meet the requirements of the Constitution is one of the duties of the officers, and members should cheerfully comply with it," Comp. Foster makes the following pertinent, and at this time, appropriate statement:

"The paraphernalia houses, aided by the want of knowledge of members, is the cause. There is not one member in a hundred who takes the trouble to look up the subject, but takes it for granted that what is offered for sale, must be correct, whereas the only object a paraphernalia house has, is to sell goods, and therefore make something attractive rather than suitable, especially if there is more money in it."

He tries (or perhaps it was the printer) to turn our Thomas F. Penman into "Pit-man," but it won't do —we prefer it to remain as it is.

George D. Kennedy, Grand High Priest.
Charles H. Jacobson, Grand Secretary.

J. H. W.

DELAWARE.

The Fortieth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Delaware was held at Wilmington, January 15, 1908.

The address of M. E. Comp. Thomas J. Jacobs, Grand High Priest, is a review of the year's work. No decisions were made and no dispensations were asked for —a most unusual condition in any jurisdiction. He visited all of his Chapters. He made a number of recommendations of interest to his Grand Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest Virginius V. Harrison, for the Committee on Correspondence, sententiously and

accurately reviews Pennsylvania of 1906. The printer makes him say "Ahanun" for "Ahiman Rezon."

He thinks "Comp. Henderson's answer in the Coatesville case as faulty as the Law of Pennsylvania." Well, the writer trusts all our Comp. Harrison's "law" is as sound as that of Pennsylvania.

Alfred M. Clower, Grand High Priest.

Thomas Reardon, Grand Secretary.

J. H. W.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Proceedings for 1908 begin with a Special Convocation on May 16, 1907, called for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Grand High Priest John Lockie. We do not call Chapters to attend funerals, nor do we say "at the conclusion of the Masonic services the burial service of such and such a beneficial society was performed.

Our views may be considered by some to be narrow, but they are fixed. We do not, in Masonic matters, recognize anything but Masonry.

The Annual Convocation was held in Washington, February 12, 1908, M. E. Comp. Claude F. King, Grand High Priest presiding.

In his address he decides "Honorary Membership" is not "dual membership." Under the heading of "Affiliated Orders" in speaking of the Order of the High Priesthood, he says:

"In the olden time this degree was considered as a prerequisite to the installation of a High Priest, and even now it is an important addition to the Masonic education of every one of us."

It is still in Pennsylvania a prerequisite to and a part of the installation.

All of the Officers from Grand High Priest to Grand Master of the First Vail are elected.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is presented by Comp. Arvine W. Johnston.

In his introduction he says: "In these piping times of peace the reviewer is in sore straits to find something that will interest his readers."

Pennsylvania, 1906, is reviewed, citing the rulings of the Grand High Priest, with one or two rather irrelevant bracketed expressions, such as (Go up, thou baldhead,) and (We breathe freer.) Perhaps that disposes of it to his satisfaction.

He calls the whole Report "mighty good readin'," for which we are grateful.

E. St. Clair Thompson, Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Grand Secretary.

J. H. W.

FLORIDA 1908.

Sixty-Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter at Jacksonville, May 12th.

Announcement was made of the death of Companion Dr. Robert Jasper Perry, Grand High Priest in 1879–1880; also of Companion Warren Fletcher Scott, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1884.

Nothing in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter warrants special notice or comment.

John H. Weddell, Thonotosassa, Grand High Priest.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

GEORGIA 1908.

Eighty-Sixth Annual Convocation at Macon, April 29th.

The noticeable feature of the address of the Grand High Priest, Companion Thomas F. Moody, is the multiplicity of dispensations "to receive, ballot and confer degrees on candidates at the same Convocation."

The doings of the Grand Chapter were routine, and nothing of interest to the Craft at large is found to report or discuss. Harmony and peace flourish throughout the jurisdiction.

Companion Lambdin's Report on Correspondence is interesting, as usual. Apparently the Proceedings of our Grand Chapter did not reach him. The choice things from the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions are presented with careful judgment and kindly consideration. He does not fail to record the criticisms of other reviewers of the profusion of dispensations in Georgia "to railroad applicants into the Chapters, nor does he justify the practice. We infer that he does not approve it, or perhaps he has heretofore presented the Georgia argument for it and finds it useless to repeat it.

L. M. Heard, Elberton, Grand High Priest.

W. A. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

INDIAN TERRITORY 1908.

Nineteenth Annual Convocation at McAlester, Oklahoma, April 21st.

Next year, by amendment of the constitution, the name of this Jurisdiction will be changed to "The Grand Chapter of Oklahoma," to correspond with the name of the new State. As a connecting link, a history is to be prepared and published of Capitular Masonry in Indian Territory.

This was the first Convocation held in the new State, "the glorious 46th Star," as it is referred to in the address of Grand High Priest, Robert Y. Morrison, and at the same place where the Grand Chapter was organized. It has now 60 Chapters with an aggregate membership of 2800.

Companion Morrison reported a dispensation refused "to ballot out of time" upon a petition of an applicant, "the only reason given was that he was a contractor and never more than two or three months in any one place." The Grand High Priest said: "He could be of little benefit to any Chapter under the circumstances." We approve the ruling, but not the reason therefor. It is one-sided. Perhaps it was an oversight that the applicant might derive some benefit from membership in the Chapter.

We deduce from his decisions that a year's residence in the Jurisdiction is a condition precedent to membership in a Chapter unless otherwise determined by a dispensation from the Grand High Priest.

He also decides that a companion is eligible to the

office of High Priest without serving as King or Scribe. The Committee on Jurisprudence said he was wrong—that the Grand Chapter declared in 1898 that a companion must serve as Scribe or King before he may be elected High Priest. But the Grand Chapter, at this time, thought differently and sustained the Grand High Priest in his decision. Which shows that precedent does not count for much in Oklahoma, or that the companions do not hesitate to reverse themselves. The matter is fundamental, and should be clearly set forth in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

The Masonic Home is reported to be in flourishing condition, at that time caring for 40 orphan children at an expense of $400.00 per month.

In his Report on Correspondence the veteran Companion Morrow advises his brethren of some of the things we are doing in Pennsylvania. He is imbued with optimism and sees wonderfully good influences that Capitular Masonry is spreading in the world.

Daniel M. Hailey, McAlester, Grand High Priest.

Jos. S. Morrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

INDIANA 1908.

Sixty-Third Annual Convocation, October 21st, at Indianapolis.

Within thirty days from the Convocation, a well-prepared copy of the proceedings reaches us by way of the regular official channels. Such expedition reflects much credit upon the Grand Secretary, Com-

panion Prather. Death of the Grand Treasurer, Past Grand High Priest, Companion Martin H. Rice, which occurred in August, was announced in the address of the Grand High Priest, Companion Edgar H. Bristol.

From the Grand Inspector's Report it was found there has been carelessness or laxity in not insisting upon the recording of Marks; some Chapters have been "staggering along for years with barely sufficient funds to pay Grand Chapter dues and ordinary expenses," owing to the bad custom of allowing members to run behind in their dues; and for the same reason some of the Chapters are badly in need of paraphernalia and supplies.

He regrets a "growing disposition to regard every petition presented to the Chapter sufficiently urgent to demand an emergency, instead of waiting four weeks for the Report of the Investigating Committee." He finds the abuse so general "that in some Chapters not to exercise it would be to intimate that the character of a petitioner is in doubt, and that investigation in that particular case is necessary." "Further," he believes, "there is nothing that cheapens the importance of investigation like the indiscriminate application of the emergency provision." Then follows this wise conclusion:

"To my mind there is nothing in Capitular Masonry more important than a high standard of membership, and to attain it there should be no relaxation of vigilance. It is my belief that the doors of the Chapter should be guarded as closely as those of the Lodge are tyled, and that we should not go on the principle that once a man is a Mason he is good material for the Chapter. The contrary would often seem to be more nearly the truth.

"We certainly rejoice to see the annual increase in our membership, but, Companions, would it not be as well to see that every Companion exalted is weighed as well as counted, and to accomplish this, use no undue haste?"

He also submitted this recommendation, which we believe to be progressive in effect, but which does not appear to have made any impression upon the Grand Chapter:

"That our General Regulations be so amended that membership in the Chapter shall be dependent upon membership in Lodge. According to our present rulings, a petitioner must be, at the time of filing his petition, a Master Mason in good standing in some Lodge. After becoming a Royal Arch Mason he may dimit from his Lodge and still retain his Chapter membership. If he obtains Chapter membership by virtue of Lodge membership he should retain it by the same."

But in regard to the "emergency" practice the Grand Chapter was more responsive, adopting this change of their law:

"All petitions for the degrees or membership in a Chapter must be made in writing, signed by the petitioner, and recommended by two members of the Chapter to which application is made, and must then be referred to a committee for investigation and lay over for consideration four weeks, and that no emergency shall be declared whereby action thereon can be sooner had, excepting that the Grand High Priest is empowered to grant a Dispensation, on the request of a Chapter, permitting prior action at a meeting to be called for that purpose, of which meeting all members must have due notice."

His address concludes with this expression of pride in his Grand Chapter:

"It has often been remarked within my hearing that the Grand Chapter of Indiana is composed of the flower of the Country, but never before have I realized the significance of such a broad compliment.

He was presented with a beautiful Past Grand High

Priest's jewel, with eulogistic and fraternal sentiment, which he appears to have merited.

In the Report of Companion Simeon S. Johnson on Correspondence, we find a review of our Proceedings for 1907, with more or less thinly veiled sarcasm. He thus refers to us as the "model" Jurisdiction (the quotation marks are his). He says the Report of this committee is, "as usual, full of their way of doing and lots of advice to us—in substance, not to get alarmed—Pennsylvania can take care of herself."

We hope never to sin again in offering advice to Indiana, if we have thus sinned before. Presumption would be a mild term for it, now that we know that this Grand Chapter "is composed of the flower of the country."

Robert H. H. Britton, Terre Haute, Grand High Priest.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

IOWA 1908.

Fifty-Sixth Annual Convocation, October 8th, at Waterloo.

The copy of Proceedings, well-prepared and promptly published, contains a portrait and sketch of the retiring Grand High Priest, William H. Norris, who has been a conspicuous figure in Masonry in Iowa, having received about all the honors to be obtained in the several Masonic bodies, Grand and Subordinate.

His annual address contains little of interest except

to his own Jurisdiction. "Character and not caste," he says, "has been the standard set for our votaries, and judged from this most important viewpoint I am confident the results attained are meritorious and worthy of commendation."

He reports the "usual number" of requests for dispensations to hold elections "out of time," the reasons given, the absence of a quorum. He properly refused them, not wishing to encourage the bad habit of carelessness and neglect of the Chapter officers and members.

Among matters of importance determined by the Grand Chapter was a partial revision of the Constitution and the adoption of a new Ritual—that of the General Grand Chapter. Such is the course that all Grand Chapters should pursue, if constituents of the General Grand Chapter, when a change of Ritual is demanded.

In his Report on Correspondence, Companion W. F. Cleveland gives our Proceedings for 1907 careful and fraternal attention.

Louis Block, Davenport, Grand High Priest.

Alf. Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

KANSAS 1908.

Forty-Third Annual Convocation at Topeka, February 17th.

Much interest is manifested in the Grand Chapter by the companions as is shown by the large attend-

ance at the meetings and the close attention given to the business of the body by officers and committees.

The annual address of Grand High Priest, William Frank March, is ample and exhibits a comprehensive performance of the duties of his office. That his mind has dwelt upon the development of Masonry in the Chapter, and the practical results which its lessons should accomplish, is told in the conclusion of his address:

"The record of the past year shows a healthy growth of Royal Arch Masonry in Kansas; but, Companions, are we doing all that can be done to promote our Royal Craft?

"I wish there were some methods by means of which all Master Masons could be given the true idea of the beautiful symbolic work, of the fine ethical teachings of Capitular Masonry. As a matter of fact, in the Lodge the story is only half told; the tradition is uncompleted; the word is unspoken; the unknown is yet to be revealed, and this can only be seen by those who have passed the Vails by means of the signet of truth, to the Grand Council, and who have assisted in bringing to light the long lost Master's word, and hear for the first time, in a most solemn and reverential manner, the great and sacred Name.

"This is certainly one of the grandest climaxes of all Masonry. It is a consummation of a great series of events, working out the fullness and completion in the last degree of Capitular Masonry. It is the completion, the rounding out, the consummation of the work which the Lodge begins. It is the final volume of the history.

"A Master Mason has only half the story. A Royal Arch Mason has the completed narrative rounded and full. I would therefore urge upon you, as far as your opportunity will permit, to enlighten your friends who are Master Masons, and explain to them what Capitular Masonry stands for. Let them know that it takes up the work where it is left off abruptly in the Master Mason's degree. Tell them that they have only a part of the story, and in order that they should be full and complete Masons, they should have the narrative in its entirety. You will be helping men to be better Masons and to have a broader outlook upon what Masonry stands for. If you believe in the Chapter do not hesitate to speak for it.

"If Capitular Masonry means anything to you, speak in its favor to Master Masons who might readily be led to seek the higher light which comes only when they raise the Royal Arch three times three. Finally, I would say

to you, that your profession is vain, and your Masonry counts for naught, that your beautiful ritual is a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal, unless you live your Masonry. Do not be Masons merely when Chapter is in session, but be Masons every hour of the day. Live the Masonic life and you will better the traditions of mankind thereby.

"As Masonry helps you, you will also help Masonry by being living exemplifications of it, and my last word to you is to live the Masonic life."

He made a decision on the question of "dependent membership," in which he held that before a Companion may lose membership in the Chapter by reason of non-affiliation with a Lodge of Master Masons, he should be given notice and an opportunity to show cause why his Chapter membership should not cease. His position was sustained by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and upon their recommendation the following rule was adopted as amendment to the law on the subject:

"Before a Chapter shall suspend a member for non-affiliation with a Lodge under the foregoing regulation, it shall first serve actual notice upon him, by personal service or by registered mail directed to his last known postoffice address, to show cause within a reasonable time, which cannot be made less than four weeks from date of service, why he should not be suspended from membership in the Chapter for non-affiliation with a regular Lodge of Master Masons, and upon said notice shall be written or printed this by-law.

"If, in answer to such notice, the Companion shall show either of the following facts:

" '1. That he is now affiliated with a regular Lodge of Master Masons, naming it; or

" '2. That within the period of the last six months he has petitioned for membership in a regular Lodge of Master Masons, naming it, and been rejected; or

" '3. That his petition for membership has been presented to, and is under consideration by a regular Lodge of Master Masons, naming it, awaiting action; such showing shall be construed as a refutation of the charge of voluntary non-affiliation with a Lodge, and shall prevent suspension.'

"The failure of a Companion, after proper notice, so to refute the charge, shall be construed as an admission of its truth, and the Companion shall

thereupon be declared suspended.

"A member, under suspension for non-affiliation with a regular Lodge of Master Masons, may at any time thereafter effect affiliation with a regular Lodge, and upon notifying the Chapter in writing of this fact, naming the Lodge with which he has become affiliated, he shall be restored forthwith to membership in said Chapter, and the High Priest shall immediately so declare.

We believe this is a wise regulation and its operation should not only tend to prevent injustice to the Companion who may appear to be liable to suspension, but it will as well prompt him to regain his Lodge membership, where it has lapsed, as soon as possible. That helps the Lodge and Chapter as well as himself.

Companion William M. Shaver makes his adieu as the writer of Correspondence Reports. The loss of his terse, crisp reviews, his clear-cut views of Masonic law and practice, will be regretted by all.

He gives extended notice to the Proceedings of Pennsylvania, and joins with those who cannot agree with our Companion J. Henry Williams on the subject of "physical perfection;" nor can he grant to the Grand High Priest the prerogative to make Royal Arch Masons at sight.

Augustus O. Wellman, Topeka, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

KENTUCKY 1908.

Ninety-first Annual Convocation, October 20, 1908, at Louisville.

In his address the Grand High Priest, Companion George A. Lewis, declares that the most vexatious

matter he had to deal with was the carelessness with which copies of the Ritual were disposed of by the Chapters. It appears that nine copies were issued to each Chapter, which were distributed promiscuously among the members, no record being kept and no effort made to keep track of, or recover them when lost. He makes recommendations for more systematic methods in the premises, to be made a part of the laws of the Grand Chapter.

Careless Secretaries of Chapters also come under his censure: "The plainest instructions which have gone out from my office seem never to have attracted the attention of some, and their actions have been exactly the opposite of what was expected of them." He urges them to select the best material for that office, and rightly intimates that a Chapter is usually made or unmade by the kind of a Secretary it chooses.

184 dispensations were granted "to receive and ballot upon petitions and to confer the degrees out of time." He refused, however, to grant such dispensations for "called meetings," which we undersand to be other than stated meetings, thus departing from the practice of his predecessors. His refusal raised a storm of protest, so he submits his position and an argument to sustain it, to the Grand Chapter. The Committee on Jurisprudence, passing on the question, declared that he was within the letter of the law; but if he had granted the dispensations they would have approved them. However, to eliminate further controversy on the subject, they recommended an amendment to the Constutition expressly giving the power

to the Grand High Priest to grant such dispensations, all of which tends to increase rapid transit facilities into the Chapters of Kentucky.

Among the decisions are two that may interest the reader. The first discloses a peculiar situation in a Chapter that would seem to demand official investigation and, apparently, discipline, though there is no record of either:

"A ballot taken at one meeting—the result being declared—cannot be retaken at a subsequent Convocation. If the Companion acting as King at the time the ballot was taken discovered a black ball in the ballot box, it was his duty to have so declared at once, and his claim made two weeks later should be given no credence, especially as the High Priest and Scribe, who examined the ballot at the same time that he did, both assert positively that no black ball appeared. His objection, however, to the Brother receiving the degrees is as effective as though a black ball were cast when the petition was balloted upon, and stops the candidate, unless the objection be withdrawn, though this does not prevent the Brother from renewing his petition at the end of six months. The Companion cannot be compelled to give the reason for his objection, but should he offer to do so you have a perfect right to hear the same."

The other decision shows a decided lack of uniformity as to any rule on the matter of physical qualifications of candidates:

"A Master Mason, having lost both his limbs before receiving the Master's degree, and now being supplied with artificial limbs, desires to become a member of the Chapter. Can his petition be received and acted upon?"

Held.—The Grand Chapter has never passed upon the question of deformity being a bar to membership, but the Constitution, SEC. 13, Article VIII, says: 'In the absence of specific provisions affecting a Chapter, etc., analogus rules of the Grand Lodge shall govern.' Regulation 121 of the Grand Lodge, touching deformity, refers to the Constitutional provision and adds: 'But whether or not such defects exist the Lodge is the sole judge.' Regulation 33 of the General Grand Chapter (Digest, p. 50) says: 'Candidates who are crippled may be accepted when their maim does not amount to in-

ability to comply with our rites and ceremonies.' I take it that as the Brother has safely passed the test in the Blue Lodge, his maim does not interfere materially with his becoming a Chapter member, but the Chapter being in position to best judge, should be able to settle that question for itself."

In other words, a maimed brother may be lawfully admitted into one Chapter, who might just as lawfully be excluded from another.

Under title of "Capitular and Cryptic Masonry—Causes for Slow Progress," he says:

"Capitular Masonry in Kentucky has slowly increased in strength, but is not as efficient or popular as it ought to be. This may, in part, be accounted for by the fact that the written ritual is often used in the conferring of the degrees, and even then it is not impressively rendered, so that these things materially detract from interest in the work. We cannot confidently hope for much improvement when officers are not efficient and manifest too little competency and zeal."

He then discusses the desirability of more intimate relations between the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council of R. & S. M.'s, and says:

"I am not prepared to suggest details that would be appropriate for a similar arrangement in Kentucky, but am convinced the matter is worthy of painstaking investigation; therefore, that it might be maturely considered and presented to you for such action as you may determine to be for the best interest of our rite, I consulted with M. Ill. Grand Master Jno. T. Kincaid, and by mutual agreement the whole matter has been referred to a joint committee, or a committee from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, in advance of your Convocation, that it might be presented to you after careful investigation."

A Report from the above mentioned Committee was submitted to the Grand Chapter as follows:

"The Joint Committee of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, to which was referred that part of the addresses of the M. E. Grand High Priest and the M. Ill. Grand Master touching a time and place of our annual gatherings,

and methods for a more intimate relation and unity of efforts in the upbuilding of Capitular and Cryptic rites in Kentucky, is in the abstract impressed with the desirability of some such plan as has been proposed by our chief officers. The rush and hurry during Grand Lodge week causes hasty legislation, and frequent changes in the law, promoting a want of respect for law, which is subversive of good government and menacing to stability.

"Besides, the time that ought to be exclusively devoted to the affairs of the Grand bodies is seriously encroached upon by the distractions of a large city and entertainments that entice Companions from business which they are paid to attend to.

"The meeting of our Grand Bodies at a different time of the year from the annual communication of the Grand Lodge and in different localities has ceased to be experimental, for both have been proven greatly beneficial to all concerned, and particularly so to Grand Chapters and Grand Councils in other States, where due importance is given to them. With us they are subordinate and secondary, which ought not to be."

"Your Joint Committee is of opinion that the Grand Chapter and Grand Council ought to meet during the same week, because their interests are so closely allied, and will not interfere with each other—but it is clear that they ought not to meet during Grand Lodge week for reasons already stated, and which must be apparent to a casual observer. We are also of the opinion that if the bodies we now represent meet at different places in the State it would do very much towards inciting the local Chapters and Councils to laudable ambition to present a fair appearance—show a good condition of hall, books, paraphernalia and exemplification of the work, besides largely increase the membership by making themselves known as live and prosperous bodies of the Craft.

"At present we are almost stagnating. The plans proposed will, without a doubt, infuse new life in these rites. If it should be an exception to the rule that has been proven so beneficial in other Jurisdictions, a change back to the almost obsolete methods now hampering us and detracting from our growth and efficiency can be made, if such should be deemed wise after a fair trial.

"As has been intimated, the Texas plan has placed the Chapters and Councils of that great State in a most intimate and admirable relation, making its Council membership greater than that of any other Jurisdiction in the world. It will also stimulate the Chapters, and both will have a State pride in maintaining their position at the head. All this without increasing the aggregate cost for all the degrees. Their plan will be followed by many, no doubt, and it behooves us to consider it well. The Cryptic degrees are essential to a clearer understanding of the Master Mason's and Royal Arch degrees, and "completes the circle of our knowledge of the strictly Masonic degrees. Therefore we ought to encourage their propagation.

"We recommend that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter be amended as follows:

"Sections 9 and 10, Article I, page 26, be changed so as to read: 'SEC. 9. The stated convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky shall be held at such places as shall previously be voted by the Grand Chapter, to begin in the morning at such an hour as shall be designated by the Grand High Priest, and on the second Wednesday of March of each year.'

" 'SECTION 10. Emergent convocations may be held on call of Grand High Priest at such time and place as may be agreed by the four principal officers thereof.'

For SEC. 1, Art. VII, page 35, substitute the following: "The fee for dispensation and charter shall be $35.00, which shall be paid before a dispensation can be issued."

"Accompanying the petition for a new Chapter, a petition for a Council of Royal and Select Masters, with the fee therefor, $20.00, and if a dispensation for the proposed Chapter be granted, the petition and fee for the new Council prayed for shall be promptly turned over to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters.

"For SEC. 7, Art. II, page 41, substitute the following: 'No Chapter shall confer the Capitular degrees for a less sum than $15.00; but a petition for the Council degrees, with the fee ($5.00), shall accompany all petitions for Chapter degrees, and as soon as the petitioner receives the Royal Arch degree the petition and fee for the Council degrees shall at once be turned over to the Recorder of the Council having Jurisdiction.

"These amendments, if adopted, will reduce the fees for dispensation and charter, but to an amount only a trifle more than as is realized by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for such documents, and make the minimum fee for Chapter and Council degrees the same as it now costs for the Capitular degrees alone.

"Sec. 6, Art. V, page 30, amend the second paragraph so as to read: 'The fees for the Council degrees shall not be less than $5.00; provided, however, that in order to give all Companion Royal Arch Masons the beautiful degrees of the Cryptic rite in carrying out the plan agreed upon by the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Councils shall give said degrees to all Royal Arch Masons now in good standing in their Chapters for the sum of $2.00, if the same be applied for within two years from the date the Grand Chapter adopts the constitutional amendments recommended by the Joint Committee that proposed them.'

"SEC. 2, Art. IV, page 27, amend by striking out the figures 25 and insert 50."

The matter was laid over until the next Annual Convocation.

The Grand High Priest's address closes with this reference to an "incident in the land of the feudists:"

NOT MIDNIGHT ASSASSINS.

"Finally, my Companions, it has been publicly stated, made a matter of jest, and flaunted in my face, that a resident of a section of this State where lawlessness has to some extent prevailed, was called from his home in the dead hour of night, and to save himself from the lash made use of a Masonic sign, which was recognized by one of the masked marauders, who prevented the shame and disgrace being put upon him. For the honor of Masonry, I sincerely trust this is not true, for I am loth to believe that any man who has knelt at a Masonic altar could so far forget himself as to bring dishonor upon this ancient and honorable institution by resorting to the methods of the midnight assassin to right a wrong, either real or imaginary. Certainly no man who gave attentive ear to, and into whose heart sank, that first lesson: 'You are to be a quiet and peaceful citizen, true to your government, just to your country; not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but submit to legal authority,' can go so far astray, for in the troubulous times which have come upon our beloved Commonwealth our place, my Companions, is upon the side of the law, upholding by our example the hands of those whose duty it is to enforce the law, thus showing to the world at large that the teachings of this noble Order have not been in vain. By so doing you honor yourself, the cause of Masonry, and, above all, the name of that God whom we reverence and serve."

We read with pleasure and interest the Report on Correspondence by Companion W. W. Clarke, in which he discusses at some length our Proceedings for 1907.

We took the liberty last year to make some comments adverse to the reasons given by the Grand High Priest for a multiplicity of dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions "out of time," in which we pleaded for the same safeguards for the Chapter as for the Blue Lodge in admitting candidates. Companion Clarke quotes us and says:

"But Companion Holeman's postulate was that any Mason who was *worthy* to be advanced to the Master's degree, was *worthy* of exaltation. Is Companion Penman prepared to deny it?"

We were not dealing with postulates—an unsafe basis to proceed upon. We claimed for the Chapter, so long as it remains a separate and independent body, due notice, and opportunity for full and thorough investigation of a candidate's merits to enter. But to aver that because a candidate is admitted to the Lodge he is, *ipso facto*, worthy to be admitted to the Chapter, is not good logic. A Companion or Companions of a Chapter may know of valid objections to a candidate of which the members of the Lodge may be ignorant. And then, he may have been worthy to become a Master Mason and subsequently ceased to be worthy to become a Royal Arch Mason. If that is the danger to be avoided—that he may fall from grace, and the Chapter lose his fee and dues—by all means push him along into the Chapter with all possible haste!

Laban T. Everett, Catlettsburg, Grand High Priest.
Henry B. Grant, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

LOUISIANA 1908..

Sixty-first Annual Convocation at New Orleans, February 4th, Grand High Priest L. E. Thomas presiding, and from whose address it is inferred that the Craft in that Jurisdiction is in good condition.

It appears from one of his decisions that an applicant must have resided in the State 12 months before

he can receive the Chapter degrees.

Although against his better judgment, he decided that a Companion might be substituted to make a "full team" of three in conferring the Royal Arch degree. To remove any doubt on the question the Committee on Jurisprudence took it in hand and found that there was nothing in the law, written or unwritten, of Capitular Masonry, forbidding the substitute, and that the practice does not conflict with the obligation of a Royal Arch Mason or the duties of a High Priest; that in 1872 the General Grand Chapter had declared substitutes to be permissible. They thought, however, that only one substitute should be used in each team, and then only in case of absolute necessity. To establish a definite rule on the subject they presented the following resolution which we presume was adopted, though the Proceedings do not say so:

"*Resolved*, That the use of one substitute candidate in a team in the Royal Arch degree is permissable and not in conflict with either the law or ritual of Royal Arch Masonry, or the installation charges of a High Priest, but that same should not be resorted to except in cases of absolute necessity, which necessity is to be judged of by the sitting High Priest."

It does not appear why one substitute is permissible and two are not, nor do we see any reason why the line should be drawn at one. Neither do we see why the work of the Chapter should be delayed or postponed when only one, or perhaps four candidates, are ready for the Royal Arch degree. Certainly great latitude is given the High Priest's discretion whether a substitute be used.

Two Past Grand High Priests passed away during the year, Robert H. Cage and W. S. Benedict, and suitable memorials were recorded. Of the former it was said that he possessed "moral and mental attributes which made him as perfect a man as it is possible on earth."

We notice that the matter of an appropriation for a memorial tomb to Past Grand High Priest Samuel M. Todd came again before the Grand Chapter and this time, the treasury apparently being in better condition, $150.00 was contributed for that purpose.

The Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Duncan reflects his intimate knowledge of Capitular Masonry, its history and teachings, its organization and laws. He discusses with our Companion Bates the apparent incongruity of re-annointing our High Priests when one becomes Grand High Priest, which, he admits, seems to be necessary under our law. But he contends that it should not be our law, that we should repeal it. It is a rather unimportant matter. When this or any other alleged superfluous ceremony is found to be detrimental to the interests of the Craft, we will be equal to the emergency.

C. C. Kramer, New Iberia, Grand High Priest.

Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1907.

Quarterly Convocation, March 12th, at Boston.

The Companions standing, a memorial to Companion Moses Henry Fowler, deceased, Grand Scribe in

1862, was entered of record.

An effort was made to amend the Standing Regulations, tending to prevent the too rapid progress of candidates to the Royal Arch degree, requiring at least one day to intervene between the M. E. and R. A. But the Grand Chapter would not agree to it.

On the subject of Life Membership the following regulation was adopted:

"Any Chapter under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter that now has, or shall in the future have, a by-law that provides for life membership must have the said by-law comply with the following requirements:—

"First. The Life Membership Fee shall be and shall continue not less than ten times the fee for annual dues, but in no case shall it be less than twenty-five dollars.

"Second. All moneys received for life membership and such other moneys as may be added by vote of the Chapter shall continue a permanent fund, which shall be invested in the name of the Chapter. The management and investment of the same shall be placed in the care of a Board of Trustees, who shall be elected by the Chapter in Annual Convocation, and shall annually make report to the Chapter of the condition and amount of said fund and how the same is invested.

"Third. That nothing but the income of the said fund shall be used for any purpose whatsoever unless a notice in writing to that effect shall have been presented at a Regular Convocation of the Chapter, and notice of such intended action shall have been printed on the notices and mailed to every member of the Chapter at least ten days before such action is to be taken, and then only at a Regular Convocation of the Chapter, and by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members present."

At a banquet following the June Quarterly Convocation, E. J. Cox. Esq., read a prepared paper entitled "Freemasonry during the Revolution," an account of the life and labors of the distinguished Masons who were prominent in the great struggle for independence. We wish our Companions might obtain copies of the paper, as the subject is of intense interest to the Craft of our country.

The Annual Convocation (109th) was held December 10th, 1907.

The first business of the session was the exemplification of the Chapter degrees. The time consumed was, Mark Master's degree, one hour and forty minutes; Past Master, thirty-three minutes; Most Excellent Master, one hour and ten minutes; Royal Arch, two hours and fifteen minutes. The ceremonies were witnessed by 236 Companions, representing 62 Chapters of the 76 in the Jurisdiction. This shows a general interest in the ceremonial work that cannot fail to produce fine results in the Chapters. Finished, approved degree work is undoubtedly the foundation of the success of Chapters, and in his annual address Grand High Priest Harry Hunt expressed the idea when, calling attention to the fact that their Grand Chapter has reached the 20,000 mark in membership, he said:

"I am convinced that this large increase in our numbers is due in a large measure to the loyalty and zeal with which the officers of the several Chapters discharge their duties, and the intelligence and dignity with which the work is rendered."

He further wisely said:

"It is the duty of the first three officers of a Chapter to so inform themselves in the correct work that their subordinates will value the instruction given them. A lack of knowledge and ability in the presiding officer is sure to destroy his usefulness and his Chapter will suffer accordingly. With the aid of Grand Lecturers, exemplifications, and a complete and correct Ritual which he may consult, there can be no excuse for poor and incorrect work or the use of foreign and incorrect ciphers. As has been stated before, this Grand Chapter has always discountenanced their use and I trust they may soon disappear altogether."

A very excellent Report on Correspondence by Companion Waite, the Grand Secretary, closes the record of the Grand Chapter for the year, in which our Proceedings for 1907 were reviewed at length.

Baalis Sanford, Brockton, Grand High Priest.

J. Gilman Waite, Boston, Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

MICHIGAN, 1908.

Sixtieth Annual Convocation at Detroit, May 19th.

It appears from the address of Grand High Priest Cottrell that complaint had been made by the Grand Chapter of Canada that certain Michigan Companions had invaded their Jurisdiction and assisted in conferring the degree of Past Master, which they do not recognize as one of the Chapter degrees. Upon investigation it was found to be true; that the misguided Companions had been actuated by a desire to facilitate the visits of the Canadian Companions to the Michigan Chapters to which they could not be admitted without that degree. Whereupon Companion Cottrell had issued a communication to all the Michigan Chapters that such practice should not be repeated, and advised them that any Companion of a foreign Jurisdiction who had not received all the degrees of the Michigan Chapters not required in his own Jurisdiction, might be "healed" by giving him such degree in their Chapters and thus qualifying him to sit with them.

The error of the Michigan Companions seems to

have been looked upon by the Grand Chapter of Canada as a breach of comity between neighboring Jurisdictions. We would consider the matter, however, more serious as a violation of the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. But certainly they were not more culpable in respect to the Grand Chapter of Canada than the Canada Companions who would permit unauthorized work in their Chapters. They must have taken the initiative. It is to be hoped that the Grand Chapter of Canada disciplined its own members before finding fault with its neighbors.

In answer to the question, "What number constitutes a quorum in a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters?" Companion Cottrell ruled: "It does not matter whether a Chapter is conferring the degree of Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, or Royal Arch Mason, it is the Chapter that is doing the work. As nine Royal Arch Masons constitute a quorum, there must be present nine Royal Arch Masons to confer the degrees."

We venture to question the soundness of the decision, unless it is *lex loci*. True, the Chapter is the governing, controlling body, but when a Mark degree is to be conferred the Chapter *closes*, and a *Lodge* (a component part of the Chapter) is opened. The Chapter officers change in titles and functions. All Mark Master Masons are qualified to sit in the Lodge and participate in the work. Though at that time there may not be present nine Royal Arch Masons, the work need not be suspended if there be present a sufficient

number of Mark Master Masons to carry it on.

The Grand Chapter pays mileage and per diem of two representatives from each Subordinate Chapter in attendance upon the Annual Convocation. The Grand High Priest calls attention to the fact that the revenues of the Grand Chapter are not sufficient to meet these and other expenses of administration. He therefore recommends that, rather than increase the per capita Grand Chapter dues, the number of representatives entitled to mileage and per diem be reduced to one from each Chapter. With a view of adopting the suggestion, the Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a report to change the law accordingly; but the Grand Chapter would not agree to the proposition and it was tabled. Subsequently the Finance Committee was directed "to examine the fiscal system of the Grand Chapter, and report at the next annual convocation its recommendation for reducing the expenses of the Grand Chapter to a point corresponding more nearly to its revenues."

To make ends meet, not to mention surplus, has been a serious problem in this year of our Lord, and its solution by our Companions of Michigan may be watched with interest. We think the Grand High Priest had the right remedy, but as our advice is probably not wanted, we turn to the matter of representation in our Jurisdiction, which system, by the way, we do not recommend to the Grand Chapter of Michigan.

In Pennsylvania each Chapter is entitled to send one representative to the Convocations (Communications) of the Grand Chapter. He must be a Past High

Priest and is elected as such representative by his Chapter, annually. The first three officers and all Past High Priests are members of the Grand Chapter and entitled to participate in its deliberations. But if any of them attends, it must be at his own or the Chapter's expense. The rule is that the Chapter desiring representation defrays the expenses of the representative. And the result is that many of them will not furnish the necessary funds, and are seldom, and many practically never, represented. Further, representatives are, as a rule, allowed expenses to only one of five meetings of the Grand Chapter held during the year. The Quarterly meeting in December is generally the one selected to attend, as at that time the Grand Chapter officers are elected. So that the other meetings are very largely composed of members at, or within easy distance of Philadelphia, where the meetings are always held. The conclusion is that too large a portion of our Chapters are not in personal touch with the doings of the Grand Chapter.

It is, perhaps, not feasible, financially, to secure representation of all, or a large portion, of our Chapters at all of the meetings of the Grand Chapter, but in our judgment such representation should be secured at least for one meeting, say, the Quarterly meeting in December. As many of the Chapters cannot, or perhaps will not, defray the expenses of representatives to the Grand Chapter meetings, it would seem to us expedient to adopt the system of other Jurisdictions, *viz.*, that the expenses of representatives be paid

by the Grand Chapter and the funds therefore be obtained by a tax on the Chapters.

The Report of Grand Lecturer is very elaborate and shows a conscientious performance of duty. He bestowed a great deal of time and attention to more than fifty Chapters, and concludes his Report with this:

"There has been a great improvement in the work of the Chapters about the State since I first began to visit them. Not alone in the correct rendition of the ritual but in the impressiveness with which the several lectures are given. A high standard has been set and many of our High Priests are exerting every energy to make their own work of high character and to lead their officers to the same degree of excellence.

"I desire to express my appreciation of the unvarying kindness with which I have been received in my official visits.

"The duty of correcting and advising the work of officers and Chapters is a very delicate one, and I hope that I have been able to perform this duty in such a manner as to wound the feelings of no Companion, for I aim to discharge this duty in a manner that shall invite the confidence of every Companion, and wish to be regarded as an adviser upon whom they delight to rely and with whom they love to consult relating to the work of our Order."

The Grand Secretary, Companion Charles A. Conover, presents another of his interesting Reports on Correspondence, in which he carefully and fraternally reviews the proceedings of Pennsylvania for 1906.

Earl Brackett, Petoskey, Grand High Priest.

Chas. A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

MAINE, 1908.

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in Masonic Hall, Portland, Tuesday, May 5, A.D. 1908, A.I. 2438;

present the Grand Officers and 116 representatives, representing 58 of the 59 chartered Chapters, 38 Grand Representatives and many visiting Companions.

Speaking of this Convocation, the Grand High Priest in the opening of his annual address, says:

"To many of us it is like a family reunion—such glad hand-shaking, such greetings of love and affection and the reviewing of the happy meetings of the past. To others, this is their first meeting. May the greetings and the welcome to them be so cordial and the business transactions and the work of this Grand Chapter be so conducted, as to make a deep and lasting impression on their minds of the sublimity of our Order. May their interest in Capitular Masonry become so strengthened that they will ever be anxious to be with us at these convocations.

"In all probability some of us are here for the last time. May we so live and carry out the principles of Freemasonry that when we leave this for that far distant country from whence we shall never return, we may there receive the wages of faithful Craftsmen and there live in one great, grand and happy Convocation which knows no parting."

Appropriate mention is made of the Dead, closing with the following:

"From the dust of the weary highway,
From the smart of the sorrow's rod,
Into the royal presence
They are bidden as guests of God;
The veil from their eyes is taken,
Sweet mysteries they are shown,
Their doubts and fears are over,
For they know as they are known."

A number of decisions and opinions are noted in the address of the Grand High Priest, but none of any particular importance or interest.

Under "Condition of the Craft" the Grand High Priest says:

"The number of Chapters is 59, the membership 8,964, exalted during the year 622, affiliated 17, re-instated 20, demitted 52, suspended for non-payment of dues 97, expelled 0, died 151; net gain 539.

"The year passed has been a most prosperous one. Peace and harmony have prevailed, and, so far as I have been able to learn, no contentions have arisen to mar the work of Capitular Masonry within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

"By consulting the reports of the visiting officers I find that they have faithfully performed their duties as inspecting officers, having visited all the Chapters except six, viz.: Eagle Chapter, No. 11; Dunlap, No. 12; Acacia, No. 31; Pine Tree, No. 59; Mount Katahdin, No. 60, and Minnewaukon, No. 61. The most of these omissions were due to the Chapter not giving a date when it could be visited, or, giving it so near the Convocation that the visiting officer could not attend. The Secretary should send a notice of all meetings for work during the year to the Grand High Priest and also to the Grand Officer to whom the Chapter has been assigned for visitation, thereby keeping said officers in touch with his Chapters to be visited. Not over twenty per cent. of the Secretaries have attended to this duty.

"As have been reported many times by my predecessors in office, and as I find by the reports of the inspecting officers and in my own visitations, the selecting of a Mark and the recording of the same is not enforced as it should be, and the fault lies at the door of the High Priest and Secretary. It is also found that seventy-five per cent. of the Arks are not lettered correctly. I also find in the accompanying reports that one Chapter has been holding convocations for the past four or five years without having present a charter, a certificate of a charter or a dispensation, the charter having disappeared and no one seeming to know where it is. This matter should be attended to at this Grand Convocation.

"These Chapters holding a certificate of charter, hold it subject to certain Regulations. (See Proceedings 1905, page 343).

"SECTION 2 is as follows: 'It shall be the duty of the High Priest to have the charter present in the Chapter at the time of the installation of the High Priest, into whose custody the same shall be delivered, to be kept or deposited by him as hereinbefore provided.' Had this Regulation been carried out, the above Chapter would know where to find its charter.

"By the reports I also find that two Chapters have had no installation of their officers during the past year. This shows a great lack of interest on the part of the officers elect, and very poor judgment on the part of the Chapters in selecting such officers.

"The average attendance is somewhat larger this year than last. Yet, when the officers will have their ritualistic work thorough, open the Chapter

promptly on the time called, carry on the business with dispatch and perform the work of the degrees in the true Masonic manner in which it is intended that it should be done, then you will see a better average of attendance.

"I also wish to emphasize what some officer preceding me has said: 'That the fees for the degrees should only be used to pay for paraphernalia, halls and furniture, the balance to be kept as a fund, the income of which may be used, if need be, for charitable purposes. Also that the dues of the Chapter should be sufficient to pay the heating, lighting, refreshments and all other running expenses. In other words, the dues should equal the running expenses of the Chapter."

Besides the annual address of the Grand High Priest to the Companions he makes a report to the M. E. G. and R. A. C. of nearly four pages, giving an account particularly of visitations made by him to subordinate Chapters during the year. There are also similar reports submitted by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, the Grand Scribe and each of the four District Deputy Grand High Priests and the Grand Lecturer, all of which are well-prepared and interesting.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of Companion Herbert Harris, and consists of 124 pages, three of which are devoted to Pennsylvania, 1907, and the conclusion of the Report is of particular interest to the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction, which we quote in full, as follows:

"Again we arrive at the end of our annual journey. There has been very little to excite us along the way. Perhaps no one thing has caused more comment than the deliverance by M. E. Comp. Williams, of Pennsylvania, in which he declared that 'there are no degrees in physical perfection. The candidate is either physically perfect or he is not. The slightest maim, blemish, or defect destroys the perfection and renders him imperfect,' and that 'physical perfection to the fullest extent' must be required of every candidate. Some have quoted him without comment; some have commented

adversely. There are indications that not all his Pennsylvania Companions agree with him. In their Correspondence Report for 1892, Comp. Henderson wrote in part as follows:

"In Pennsylvania we require physical perfection before an applicant can receive the Entered Apprentice degree; * * * *'

"When he comes to apply to the Chapter the rule is somewhat relaxed, though he is still required to have such use of his members and senses as to be able to conform to the ceremonies and do all the work of the Craft; the language of our Constitution being that he must be 'competent to perform all the work in the degrees he applies for.' For instance, the loss of a finger, or an eye, or a toe would disbar him from initiation, but not from advancement, while the loss of a hand, or an arm, or a leg, or of sight or hearing would. Our reason for the above is that after initiation a man is a Mason. * * * * Being a Mason, he has certain rights and privileges he never had before and which he could not be deprived of except by his own misconduct, one of which is the right to apply for advancement.

"Now, as to the 'perfection' expected of a candidate for the Entered Apprentice degree: if the requirement of the Old Charge reads as follows: 'a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the Art of serving his master's Lord, and of being made a brother,' does not the clause beginning 'having no maim' modify the phrase 'a perfect youth,' as used in this connection? Does not the phrase 'that may render him incapable of learning the Art, etc.,' agree far more nearly with the practice in Maine, and many other Grand Lodges, than with Comp. Williams' decision?

"Again, read this extract from the late Brother George W. Speth, a high Masonic authority in England, quoted by Brother Drummond, Proc. Gr. Lo. Me., 1902, Correspondence Report, p. 74:

" 'I can conceive that in England there might be a Lodge which would initiate a man without any of his four limbs, provided he had still a tongue to prove himself with, because, although he could not give the tokens he could describe them, and I venture to think that our Grand Lodge would see nothing wrong in it. * * * * Surely, it is the heart we look to, and the intellect, not the person. If the latter, where shall we find a perfect man?'

"Not many American Grand Lodges or Chapters go so far as that; indeed, there are a few which are almost as strict in their laws as Comp. Williams; and perhaps the following picture drawn by the late Comp. Connor, of Tennessee, in 1894, of a possible scene in Texas, will better serve as a close for this report than anything I can write:

" 'We imagine a Texas High Priest examining a Master Mason as to his possible 'deformity.' He begins:

" 'Stretch forth both hands and stand firm.' Done.

"Fingers are counted and nails and joints carefully examined.

" 'Right, complete, perfect; hands down.' Done.

" 'Remove your hose and stretch forth both crubeens.' Done.

"Toes counted, nails examined, shape of foot generally criticised.

" 'Correct, though slightly fragrant. Restore hose.' Done.

"Then the High Priest breathes a word of encouragement, and perhaps 'smiles,' after which:

" 'My brother, that there be no deception practiced upon the Royal Craft, by even a semblance of 'deformity,' strip to your buff.' Done, but with great reluctance.

"Now a plumb line is dropped to test the exactitude of the spinal column; the abdomen is subjected to geometric measurements and then sounded for ruptures and things; the legs are set together and examinations made as to width and curvatures of the daylight apertures. The results are most gratifying, except as to ruptures; one is discovered, and Texas, like Kentucky, tolerates no belly that is imperfectly enwalled. Alas! Alas! Even the perfection of his fingers and toes, of his moral character and nobility of life cannot save him now. His belly is 'busted' and he must walk the Capitular plank."

Franklin R. Redlon, Grand High Priest.
Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1908.

The One Hundred and Eleventh Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the Temporary Masonic Temple, Gay and Water Streets, in the City of Baltimore, Thursday, November 19, A. D.1908, A.I. 2438. Following some brief introductory remarks in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, appropriate mention and reference is made to the work of the Grim Reaper in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Maryland during the year, recommending that pages be set aside to the memories of the distinguished Companions.

Official visitations were made by the Grand Officers to eleven of the Subordinate Chapters, where, in every case, they were treated "with the respect and courtesy due them as representatives of this Grand Chapter and in many instances were right royally entertained, all of which was highly appreciated and will be held in kind remembrance." On which question the M. E. Grand High Priest says further: "It is a matter of sincere regret on my part that, owing to business engagements and sickness in my family, I was unable to visit all the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, as I am firmly convinced that these visitations are productive of much good in arousing enthusiasm among the Royal Craft," which sentiment we heartily endorse and have heretofore so expressed ourselves on the subject.

Referring to the destruction of the Masonic Temple in the City of Baltimore, the M. E. Grand High Priest says:

"As you are aware, this entire community, as well as the entire Grand Jurisdiction, was shocked and much distressed on Friday morning, January 17th, 1908, when it become known that our beautiful home on North Charles Street had been practically destroyed by fire during the previous night. However, through the usual prompt action of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Thomas J. Shryock, quarters were immediately obtained in the Old Court House Building, Lexington and North streets, and in a most marvelous manner the building was made ready for our occupancy immediately, and it is a matter of sincere congratulation to the Fraternity in Baltimore that the meetings of the different bodies were practically not disturbed on account of the fire, but were held on the regular dates and work resumed in all the degrees within a period of thirty days from the destruction of the Temple.

"All praise and honor, therefore, to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Thomas J. Shryock, for the prompt and efficient manner in which we were provided with a home immediately after our unfortunate loss.

"You are also aware that, through his untiring energy and zeal, the new Temple will rise—Phoenix-like—from the ashes of the old, and be larger, grander and more beautiful in every respect than our old home."

In pleasing and fitting terms Grand Lecturer Graham Dukehart and Grand Secretary John H. Miller, are praised for their services and highly complimented on their signal ability, unfailing courtesy and close attention to the duties incident to their respective positions in connection with the Royal Craft throughout the State and the Grand Body is congratulated on having such men in these positions and the great good which results to the Craft from being blessed with such loyal and faithful servants, referring to whom, in closing his remarks regarding them, the M. E. Grand High Priest says;

"The services to this Grand Chapter of these two Grand Officers are practically invaluable, and it affords me much pleasure, therefore, to commend their efficiency in the discharge of their duties to your notice."

Of the decisions made by the M. E. Grand High Priest, the only one of particular importance is his reply to a Companion of a Baltimore Chapter as to whether or not a Brother of a Lodge of F. & A. M. in the Valley of Mexico, City of Mexico, could place his application in a Baltimore Chapter, the applicant being a traveling salesman and visiting the city of Baltimore about one month in each year, on which he decided

"that it would not be in order for any Chapter of this Jurisdiction to accept such application."

We are somewhat surprised to learn of the lack of

progress manifested in a Grand Chapter as old as that of the State of Maryland, shown to exist by the following recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest:

"I desire also to call attention to a custom which prevails almost without exception in other Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, namely, that of decorating their Past Grand High Priests with jewels showing their rank. This practice has been drawn forcibly to my attention in attending Grand Convocations and assemblages of Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions; the contrast with the Officers representing Maryland naturally being very great, brought about by the absence of such tokens. I beg; therefore, to recommend that, beginning with the older, active Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter, suitable jewels (cost not to exceed $ 75. 00 each) be purchased in quantities of four at each Grand Convocation, and same be presented to the Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter until all those entitled to receive them have been supplied,and that thereafter each retiring Grand High Priest be decorated with a similar jewel in token of the esteem and affection of this Grand Body. In order that this matter may be properly looked after, if adopted by this Grand Chapter, I would also recommend that it be referred to a Committee of three Companions, to be appointed by your present Grand High Priest before retirement, with authority to procure same, and who shall designate the Past Grand High Priests entitled to such consideration, according to seniority; should any vacancies occur in this Committee, by reason of death or removal from jurisdiction, such vacancies to be filled by appointment of the Acting Grand High Priest."

The Report of the Grand Lecturer states that during the year he visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction, some of them more than once, indicating that they are all in good condition.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand, November 19, 1908, of $4,079.16.

The Committee on Grievances reported that harmony prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction; they were pleased to announce that they had nothing to report,

and the same as to the Committee on Unfinished Business, Standing Resolutions and Dispensations and Charters.

About thirty-seven pages are taken up with data setting forth the names, numbers, date of charter, time of meeting, list of officers and list alphabetically arranged of the Companions of each of the Subordinate Chapters, noting also Companions affiliated, reinstated, deceased, demitted and suspended during the year.

Among the twenty-two Standing Resolutions of the Grand Chapter as revised and adopted November, 1901, and amended and added to up to date, on page 258 we find the following as No. 17, which is of interest to the Companions of our own Grand Jurisdiction, *viz.*: "Any Subordinate Chapter in any adjoining Jurisdiction may confer the degrees of Capitular Masonry on Master Masons of this State who reside nearer to such Chapter than to any Chapter in this State, provided the same privilege be extended to the Chapters of this State by such adjoining jurisdictions. (Note: West Virginia, District of Columbia, Delaware and Virginia are in accord with this Resolution.)"

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is again, for the thirty-second time, the work of Companion Edward Schultz, "despite four score and odd years and bodily infirmity," and is contained in eighty-two pages of interesting reviews of the Proceedings of forty-three Grand Jurisdictions, and when we realize that for eleven years Companion Schultz has been performing this duty with sightless eyes we can

appreciate to the full his sentiments in the last paragraph of his "Conclusion" when he says:

"We again tender our sincere acknowledgements to the Companions of the Guild for their kind and sympathetic as well as flattering words of commendation for our efforts. The preparation of these reports is a labor of love, which we greatly enjoy . It lightens our otherwise dark pathway through life and, kind Providence premitting, we hope to continue the work for some years longer."

Companion Schultz, in reviewing Pennsylvania, refers to our criticism of the decision of Grand High Priest Allen that Reports of Investigating Committees must be verbal and not in writing, indicating that their reason for such practice is "to safeguard the secrecy of the ballot box." Continuing, he says:

"If an unfavorable report of the Committee is made in writing, signed by them and recorded, does it not indicate pretty clearly the names of three Companions who cast unfavorable ballots? Or, as it sometimes happens, the Committee is divided, would it not indicate how one or more of them voted? Or, if you please, suppose the Committee reported unanimously favorable, and the ballot should be unfavorable, would not this disclose the names of three Companions who at least presumably did not cast unfavorable ballots? We hold that it is just as improper to know who cast favorable ballots as to who cast unfavorable ones.

"The spreading of the secret ballots is one of the most sacred and important functions that can engage the attention of a Masonic body. It is for the purpose of determining whether or not a petitioner for admission, not into a particular Lodge, but into the great Fraternity of Freemasonry, shall or shall not, be admitted therein. It is a question to be determined by the Brethren, then and there present, alone. No one, not even an absent member of the Lodge, has a right to know what may have been said for or against the applicant; the result only of the ballot may be made known to those who were not present. Therefore we hold that the character of the report of the Committee should be held as secret within the breasts of the Brethren present as is the number of unfavorable ballots to be held sacred by the Masters and Wardens.

"We know that a rejected candidate is sometimes subsequently admitted. In looking over the records, which he would have a perfect right to do, he would discover that Brothers A. B— and C or one or more of them, were unfriendly to his admission. Might this not lead to unpleasant feelings?

"To show that these views are not peculiar to us, we may mention that two Grand Lodges, Arizona and California, have recently adopted regulations withholding entirely the names of Brethren appointed on committees of investigation, the latter body even withholding the names of the Committee from each other. The Committee is appointed privately by the Master and they report to him in the same manner. Only the character of the report is made known to the Lodge.

"While we do not wholly approve these regulations, believing that the names of the Committee should be made known to the Lodge as well as to each other, it shows how important the secrecy of the ballot box is regarded by many Brethren," closing the discussion by asking us to explain why, in our opinion, the reports of the Committee should be made in writing and recorded in the Minute Book."

Companion Schultz's argument in favor of such practice fails to convince us. An unfavorable report by a Committee cannot always be taken as evidence that the members of the Committee personally are disposed to cast unfavorable ballots; they are not limited to their own knowledge in making report, it is their privilege and duty to inquire and investigate regarding the fitness of the petitioner and it is perfectly proper for them to base their report entirely on information received, provided they are, in good faith, satisfied that it is correct, and with proper modification, the same general line of argument can be applied to the other reasons urged in behalf of the Maryland rule.

We fail to understand how it would be possible to keep proper, or records of any kind, that would be of any important use either in Subordinate or Grand Chapters in connection with applications, reports of Committees, etc., without having them made and kept in writing. It would seem from the statement of Companion Schultz that in their Jurisdiction no record

whatever is kept of such matter as he says, in effect, that if an applicant be rejected and should be admitted later, as sometimes happens, it might be embarrassing if the petitioner should examine and discover from the records what had previously been done in connection with his earlier application. In our opinion instead of such being the case, if the petitioner be "a good man and true," it ought to have just the opposite effect, for there are none of us perfect, "no, not one," and would have a tendency to convince him of the fact that he was no exception and of the care that is usually exercised by our great Order in such a matter.

If no record is made or kept, what is there to hinder an applicant who has been rejected at one Chapter from changing his residence, and if he feels disposed to do so, make application to another Chapter without revealing to the second Chapter his previous rejection, which is certainly an important consideration and to avoid which is evidently one of the purposes of keeping such record?

We are heartily in favor of the secrecy of the ballot but not to the extent of accepting Companion Schultz's argument, and making such secrecy paramount to evils that in our opinion might develop and attend the enforcement of such regulation.

Charles E. Cochrane, M. E. Grand High Priest.

John H. Miller, Grand Secretary.

R. E. U.

MISSISSIPPI, 1908.

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Mississippi was held in the Hall of Hattiesburg Chapter, No. 114, in the City of Hattiesburg, February 14, 1908; present, the Grand Officers and representatives from 67 of the 72 Chapters.

The M. E. Grand High Priest's address opens as follows:

"With a heart full of gratitude to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, I extend to you a most cordial greeting, and hearty welcome to this the Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Mississippi, to deliberate upon the important questions that may confront the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. And may the guiding hand of the Supreme Grand High Priest lead us in all our deliberations.

"I fully realize the great responsibility I assumed when you, one year ago, placed the gavel of authority in my hands, and required of me the discharge of the duties of this high office, and which I have endeavored, to the best of my feeble ability, to perform. No one can say at the completion of any service, that he has accomplished all that he desired or hoped to accomplish; however faithfully he may have devoted himself to his work, however great his loyalty and devotion may have been. No one with lofty ideals for his service is able to do all that his hopes may have planned or his ambition conceived."

The Grand High Priest was called upon to make but few decisions during the year, most of which were answered by reference to the Section of the Constitution or By-Laws covering the points at issue.

Among the decisions noted, the following is the most interesting to the Companions of this Jurisdiction:

"When asked by Brookhaven Chapter No. 80 if a Master Mason, who had lost a foot since becoming a Master Mason and who had a cork foot with which he could walk comfortably, was eligible for the Royal Arch Degree? My

answer was: That if he could adapt himself to the position which it was sometimes necessary to assume in complying with certain regulations, and if he was otherwise worthy, he was eligible to be made a Royal Arch Mason."

Several dispensations were granted and a number of visitations made during the year.

The Grand High Priest suggested the appointment of a committee to confer with the Ritual Committee of the General Grand Chapter for the purpose of going carefully over the Ritual, noting and correcting irregularities and make recommendation to the next meeting of the Grand Chapter, and in this connection says:

"This subject seems to have been a veritable, 'thorn in the flesh,' to some of our beloved Companions, who have been pleased to ridicule it as a puzzle and insist that no one could commit it to memory in a lifetime. This criticism, I think, is rather caustic, and reflects upon the intelligence of the Royal Arch Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi, very many of whom, I am happy to say, will compare favorably in Ritualistic knowledge with any of the members of our sister Jurisdictions. And all that is required to become proficient in this Ritual, or to acquire a working knowledge of it, is a little close application and patient study. That it is a little difficult to read we will all admit, but this difficulty is one of the safeguards thrown around the esoteric work of Royal Arch Masonry by the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America. It has been adopted by more than seventy-five per cent. of the Grand Chapters of the United States."

At the last previous meeting of the Grand Chapter the question of abolishing the Grand Lecturer was considered and discussed at some length, regarding which matter the Grand High Priest says:

"But since assuming the duties of High Priest of this Jurisdiction, and giving this subject some thought, from the limited number of visitations I have been able to make and from the experience I have obtained by these associations, I think it would be unwise to abolish the office of Grand Lecturer and to withdraw this stimulus, this means of Esoteric Education from the Craft. There are some Chapters in the Jurisdiction that have working teams

that are very well informed in the work and lectures and are able to confer the Royal Arch Degrees in a forcible and impressive manner, while there are other Chapters not so well informed, yet with the assistance of a Grand Lecturer, who knows the work himself—and by this means of Education, there is no reason why any Chapter in this Grand Old State should not compare favorably with the Chapters of any of our sister Jurisdictions As we all have the same Ritual, adopted by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, it would be an easy matter for any member of this Grand Jurisdiction to visit any Chapter in a sister Jurisdiction. It also enables the Chapters to confer the degrees in a manner that will make deep and lasting impressions upon the minds of the candidates, some of whom in time, must take our places, in the discharge of these noble duties, and impart to others these sacred lessons, and thus perpetuate our noble and beloved Institution, and in this way transmit to successive generations these sacred lessons of high moral worth, unchanged and untarnished; and by this means, through all coming time, continue to lead the noble and the true to the Worship of our God and the God of our fathers. ****And to abolish the Office now would be to blot out all that has been done in the past three or four years in the way of education of the Royal Arch Craft in this Jurisdiction, and the means expended in this work of education would be a reckless waste."

Under "General Suggestions," the Grand High Priest says:

"My attention has been called to the fact that some of the Chapters in the state have been meeting in halls used in common by bodies of other fraternal organizations. For instance, Gulfport Chapter No. 127 meets in a hall used by all the secret and fraternal orders of the town.

"We have no word of criticism for other secret organizations, but they are not Masonry and cannot feel the interest in the Masonic Institutions that Masons should feel, and while in the minds of many people there is a morbid curiosity to learn some of the secrets of Masonry, that sometimes the paraphernalia and jewels of Masonry are desecrated.

"This, we think, is bad policy. While there is no direct law of the Grand Chapter covering this point, yet I think that this matter should be taken under advisement by the Grand Chapter and some wholesome laws enacted by that body that would cover such cases and eliminate confusion in the future.

"I do not want to appear arbitrary in this matter, for I know it is not convenient for Chapters to own separate halls. There is no impropriety in Chapters building and occupying halls in common with Masonic Lodges, when the necessary preparations have been made in the construction of the halls for properly conferring the Royal Arch Degrees, and where their paraphernalia and jewels can be properly cared for. We do not think it conducive to the

best interests of Capitular Masonry for its robes and jewels to be exposed to the curious gaze and examination of those who have not the remotest idea of the sublimity and high moral teaching and of the sublime lessons in each of the several degrees.

"We know that it is generally understood when no special law of the Grand Chapter obtains, that the laws of the Grand Lodge covering like points should be the criterion in these matters."

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance on hand of $5,004.01.

A resolution proposed by the Grand Secretary regarding the re-numbering of several Chapters develops a practice in the Grand Jurisdiction of Mississippi that is frowned upon in ours, and regarding which the Grand Secretary says:

"Some confusion has arisen in the numbering of our Chapters owing to the fact that new Chapters which were created to take the place of defunct Chapters by the same name, were premitted to assume the number of the old Chapter, and during the years in which this process was going on the numbers given some of the new Chapters were duplicated, which tends to confusion in our records."

The Report of the Grand Lecturer indicates great activity on his part in the way of visiting and lecturing the various Subordinate Chapters and closes with the following statement:

"In conclusion, I am happy to be able to report that the Chapters, in general, show a great improvement, in regard to a knowledge of the ritual; that the attendance has been generally good at my lectures, and that harmony prevails among the Companions."

On page 41 there is a list of fifty-seven defunct Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction of Mississippi, which is rather a melancholy record.

Forty pages are taken up with the returns of Subordinate Chapters, giving the names and numbers of Chapters, together with a list of the officers, past officers and members, together with the names of those exalted, affiliated, dimitted, died and suspended during the year, showing a total present membership of 3,653.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, consisting of 98 pages, is the work of Past Grand High Priest Enoch George DeLap, and the prologue opens with the following paragraph:

"What follows, facts, figures and fancies, constitutes our first report, of this sort, to the Grand Chapter. It is possible that there are defects in it, of various kinds, but the general perfection of the work, as a whole, will be apparent to the most obtuse, if they will only read, ponder and inwardly digest the production. It may strike some of you that there is an element of ego in the above, but you will be sadly mistaken if that is your verdict. We have made it a rule always to "blow our own trumpet, if we don't sell a single clam," and that is what we are doing in this case."

Almost five pages of the Report on Foreign Correspondence is devoted to Pennsylvania, 1906, the part receiving the most attention being the decision of Past Grand High Priest Williams regarding physical perfection, after quoting which, Companion DeLap says:

"This is the first time in our somewhat extended Chapter membership, that we have ever heard of the application of the Body of Masonry. i. e., the Ancient Landmarks, applied in Royal Arch Masonry, particularly the requirement of physical perfection in candidates. Nor do we now believe that the contention of the Most Excellent is just or tenable; that is, his proposition to place a candidate for Royal Arch Masonry on a parity with a profane. We are of the opinion that, in this Order, the question of physical perfection sinks into utter insignificance in comparison with those higher, nobler and better

attributes that make up the real man and Mason. If we are hunting for dudes and other perfect(?) specimens of the genus homo of which to make Royal Arch Masons, not caring whether the applicant is a moral monstrosity or a religious wreck; in other words, if we prefer legs to brains and physical to moral perfections we had better shut up shop, or quit talking about the elevating and ennobling teachings of the Order."

Regarding the plan of our Grand Jurisdiction on the question of Foreign Correspondence and after naming the members of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence and the Grand Jurisdictions assigned to each for review, he says:

"When we were younger we owned a five-barreled pistol,which invariably got us into trouble when we opened on a man and found out that we had hit him, since which time we have not been partial to this style of ordinance, hence will be excused if we do not endorse the Pennsylvania plan. Of course the report is A one, as it ought to be with five Master Builders engaged on it, and of course our pamphlet fell under the wing of Companion Penman who digests our plans at Brookhaven in a pleasant style."

After quoting in full the conclusion of our Report on Foreign Correspondence for that year he says:

"The whole report is good, concise, a rich mine of information, and is a credit to the authors and the great Jurisdiction they so ably serve."

Charles H. Blum, Grand High Priest.
Frederick Speed, Grand Secretary..

R. E. U.

MISSOURI 1908.

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri met April 28, A. D. 1908, in Masonic Hall, Springfield, Mo., present all of the Grand Officers and more

than the law requires to form a quorum. Past Grand High Priest Rev. Corona H. Briggs made a brief but effective address of welcome on behalf of the Companions of Springfield, convincing all present that the efforts would be untiring to make the visit of the Grand Chapter both pleasant and profitable; appropriate response was made by Rev. Comp. Henry D. Boude, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest opens his annual address as follows:

"Twelve years ago this Grand Chapter was convened in this beautiful city, Queen of the Ozarks, and celebrated in the Baldwin Theatre the semi-centennial of its organization. To-day we meet once more in this flourishing center of South-west Missouri, in this magnificent Temple of the Craft, dedicated but a few months ago to Virtue and Universal Benevolence, and from every heart and on every tongue from east to west and between north and south, is heard in one unbroken strain the glad anthem, chanted centuries ago by the angelic choir on Judean hills, "On earth peace, good will toward men."

"Yet such are the swift changes wrought by Father Time in these twelve short years, that of the six principal officers of that Grand Convocation but one is with us today, Haynie, Abraham,Glaspell, Givan, Mayo, all have joined

"The innumerable caravan that moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death."

Under "Conditions" we find the following interesting Statements in the Grand High Priest's address:

"From January 1st, 1896, to January 1st, 1908, a period of twelve years, the Chapters of this state showed a total net gain in membership of 4128, or an annual average net gain of 344. Every year has shown a net increase, except 1897, in which year there was a net decrease of 26. The greater net gain was 583 in 1905. January 1st, 1906, our Chapters had a total membership of 6681. The Grand Lodge returns of that year show a total Blue Lodge membership of 30,000. In other words, the Royal Arch Masons were 22¼ per cent. of the

Master Masons. January 1st, 1908, there were 10,809 Royal Arch Masons, and the Grand Lodge proceedings of 1907 show 45,000 members of Missouri Lodges on July 31st, 1907, or 24 per cent.—a gain in the twelve years of 1¾ per cent."

"But the real condition of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction was nothing like as prosperous as the above statement would lead one to believe. In fact, the condition for quite a number of years has been such as to alarm the serious minded. There has been a falling off in interest, many Chapters had great difficulty in even reading the Ritual and conferring the degrees. The great bulk of the increase was confined to a relatively few Chapters, and general apathy was fast assuming command everywhere. Several things contributed to bring about this sad and deplorable state of affairs, though I shall now refer to but one of them."

"At the Annual Convocation of 1898, by a vote of 94 to 46, a cipher ritual was adopted, and a committee of five, Glaspell (then Grand High Priest) McDowell, Kuhn, Stevenson and Haynie, was appointed to prepare and distribute it. The committee discharged its duties well, sending out a ritual, which they said in their report, was not a resume, and in this I most heartily agree, and by the 15th of October of that year copies had been mailed to all who were entitled to them. The question in 1898 was "shall we have a cipher ritual, or shall we put a Grand Lecturer in the field?"and on the ground of cheapness and the mistaken idea that a cipher was the peer and equal of a personality, we (that is, the majority) voted for the ritual. The Royal Arch Masons of Missouri gave the ritual an honest and fair trial for nine years. The high hopes entertained of its efficacy and efficiency did not end in fruition. The experiment came near being a disastrous one. At least the situation became desperate. Something had to be done. And at the last session, while the discussion ranged hotly around the adoption of the majority or the minority report of the committee, to which the subject had been referred at the convocation of 1906, two of the leading spirits of this Grand Body were inspired (I know of no other word that so neatly expresses the idea) to offer as a substitute the putting of a Grand Lecturer in the field. The substitute carried, and Companions, in my judgment, for the first time in nine long years we have our feet on solid ground."

After setting forth the duty of the Grand Lecturer as not only to instruct but also to inspect the Chapters, the Grand High Priest says:

"Although the large majority of our Chapters are located where they should be, yet it is a question whether some Chapters have not outlived their usefulness, if indeed it was not a mistake to have set them at work at all. Very

little, if anything, is gained by having on our rolls a Chapter whose membership is small and scattered, whose High Priest has a continual struggle to drum up a quorum, whose Secretary is generally or always slow in sending in the returns and whose Officers have to call upon other Chapters to assist them in conferring the degrees. Nor is it much or any better where the Chapter is looked upon merely as a stepping stone to the Commandery or the Shrine. I have not arrested the charter of any Chapter, though I have been sorely tempted to do so. An indulgence, prompted by a hope of better things, has induced me to keep hands off. But it is time, I think, that we face the situation squarely, and take such action, though it may seem drastic, as may be deemed wise and prudent."

A three days School of Instruction was held at Moberly from the 4th to the 6th of March inclusive, under the supervision of the Grand Lecturer. It was well attended and much good was accomplished, particular attention having been given to the floor movements and the Ritual was carefully compared with the Grand Lodge work. Fifteen different Chapters were represented and on the afternoon and evening of March 6th all the degrees were conferred on a class of three actual candidates. The Grand High Priest says:

"It was surprising to note the large number of slight variations that exist between the ritual of the Chapter and that of the Lodge,"

And also:

"I can see no good reason for this condition, and believing that there should be such complete uniformity as to the words and phrases to which I have reference in the Lodge and Chapter work, and knowing that the wording of the Lodge work has for years received the closest scrutiny and attention until it has now became well nigh perfect, I recommend that the Chapter Ritual in these respects be changed to conform to the Blue Lodge work."

The proper spirit is manifested in the following statement by the Grand High Priest:

"The Masonic Home should ever have a warm place in our hearts. It stands as a monument to the generosity of the Masons of Missouri, and our affection toward it should never be lukewarm nor grow cold. To relieve the distressed, to sympathize with their misfortunes and to minister to the needs of the destitute widow and the helpless orphan is a duty incumbent on all men but particularly on Masons. The home has suffered a great loss in the death of Judge Givan, so it behooves us all the more to give of our time, our talents and our wealth to this sacred cause. And when we give let us give freely, for the Lord loves a cheerful giver."

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance on hand April 21, 1908, of $18,685.61.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a total membership December 31, 1907, of 10,809, a net gain of 492 during the year.

The report of the President, Superintendent, Matron, Secretary and Treasurer of the Masonic Home are interesting and full of valuable imformation.

Under the head of "Necrology" appropriate mention is made of the illustrious dead in all of the Grand Jurisdictions, including brief statements regarding Grand Treasurer Thomas Ranken Patton and Past Grand High Priest J. Shallcross Barber of the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

The report of the Committee on Necrology closes as follows:

"The Companions, whose names appear in this report, attained to an average age of seventy-one years, the youngest being fifty-four and the oldest eighty-three. The virtues taught and practiced by Masons are conducive to length of days, and the fear of God on which our Institution is founded is a safeguard against the anxiety which needlessly consumes the vital forces. Back in the days to which we trace the origin of Freemasonry it was said,

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

A resolution was adopted for the appointment of a committee of three to prepare a monitor for the use of the Royal Arch Masons of Missouri, entitled "The Authorized Monitor of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri." It shall also be the duty of the said committee to consider the recommendation of the Grand High Priest concerning harmonizing the language of the Grand Chapter Cipher Ritual, so far as may be, to that of the Grand Lodge.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri will be held at Joplin.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is the work of Companion Robert F. Stevenson and consists of 160 pages of interesting matter in which, however, there is no report on the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. The report concludes as follows:

"The Good Book informs us that it was the Light that was declared good, and that it was divided from the Darkness, which is its antithesis.

Such division produced distinctive renaming, one being termed Day, and the other Night, but the evening and the morning were required to constitute the first day.

Progression was in the essential lapsing of the Light into its Shadow, and the alternation continues until the day of final rest, when the Good will be eternal.

In reading the Book of Nature everything observed seems to be presented under the same Divine rule, and if Locke correctly depicts Human Understanding, the fiat means that the absence of the Light permits an emergence of the Shadow, which stands equally for it, while apparently indicating nagation or privation of the manifestation.

Two orbs were set in the firmament to divide the evening from the morning and were to be for signs and for seasons, for days and for years.

In like manner, orbs are set in the Capitular firmament which may mean evening or morning to the Craftsmen, as there is abstention or assimilation of manifestation of their Light.

Those walking in the noon-tide discover a well-defined path, while others traveling in the eventide may in the obscurity stumble and fall.

Correspondence reports are classed as illuminators and those which shone in 1906 have passed the horizon into the nadir, while those of 1907, dawning, approach the zenith.

The extent with which the manifestation illumines the faithful and the constant will increase or diminish in proportion to the square of the distance from the source.

"Let there be Light."

Alf. H. White, Grand High Priest.
Robt. F. Stevenson, Grand Sec'y.

R. E. U.

NEBRASKA, 1908.

The Forty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, December 11, A. D. 1907. Present, the Grand Officers and Representatives from thirty-seven of the fifty-five chartered Chapters.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest covers about ten pages an interesting part of which under "General Conditions" is as follows:

"So far as I can gather from correspondence and information from other sources, I am pleased to report that the chapters generally throughout the State are prosperous. The net increase is a little larger than last year. I know of no Chapter where the high principles of Royal Arch Masonry are not maintained. Our membership is increasing as rapidly as is consistent with the good of the Fraternity. No dissension is in our ranks, and the companions are living together in amity and brotherly love. Our funds are ample for all purposes, and from the east to the west, from the north to the south, harmony and good fellowship prevail. During the past year conditions in our fair State have been most prosperous. The tillers of the soil have garnered an abundant harvest, and the price therefor will bring reasonable remuneration to the husbandman. Labor of all kinds has found steady employment at fair wages. On every hand wealth has been accumulated in fairly

good proportion. At no period of the history of the world have so many people been able to enjoy such a goodly proportion of the luxuries as well as the necessities of life. The temporary interference in the channels of finance, so recently brought about, can in no way, we believe, seriously, for any length of time, affect the general prosperity of our State. With an abundance of money and agricultural products, our people, comparatively speaking, free from debt, we may reasonably hope for the natural resuming of the large volume of business that has been given to us during the past year. Contemplating all the goodness and the blessings that have been showered upon us since last we met in annual convocation, we can well pause in our deliberations and offer our thanks to the Giver of all Good and ask from His hands a continuance of His great mercy."

Among the decisions submitted by the Grand High Priest in answer to an inquiry as to whether a companion who has not served as King or Scribe of the Chapter can serve as High Priest, he says:

"Yes. The law of the Grand Chapter requires as the only qualification of a High Priest that he must receive the Order of High Priesthood before being installed."

The Grand High Priest visited quite a number of the subordinate Chapters during the year.

A number of special dispensations were issued, some for the purpose of installing officers, some to elect and install and one for the purpose of moving into other quarters.

The Nebraska Masonic Home receives considerable and proper attention at the hands of the Grand High Priest.

The address concludes as follows:

"The year of service as your Grand High Priest has passed pleasantly and quickly away. For the uniform courtesy and kindness I have received at the hands of the Companions in the Jurisdiction I am duly grateful. The

duties of the office have been far from arduous and they have been exceedingly pleasant. Every Grand Officer has rendered necessary assistance when called upon, and to them I tender my sincere thanks for so ably helping me to so satisfactorily administer the affairs of Our Grand Chapter.

"I have not been unmindful of the great honor you have conferred upon me a year ago, and to the best of my ability I have endeavored to maintain the high standard expected of him who has in his keeping the welfare of the Royal Craft in the great and growing Jurisdiction of Nebraska; and so far as I have been able, the several duties devolving upon me have been faithfully and conscientiously performed.

"I thank each one of you for the privilege of occupying the exalted station of Grand High Priest, and it will be my constant endeavor by my services to Capitular Masonry in the future to show you that your confidence and esteem were not misplaced."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $5284.88.

The Grand Lecturer reports that his duties have not been very arduous during the year, having received but few calls for official work but having promptly complied with all requests for any imformation desired by the Chapters, stating further that

"there are no dissensions within the bodies or between one another to mar the designs upon the trestle board. Peace and harmony generally prevail, and the Reports show that there has been good work done throughout the Jurisdiction and our numbers greatly increased during the year."

A motion was adopted recognizing the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia.

So far as our observation extends the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia has now been recognized by most of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters with which our Grand Jurisdiction is in friendly correspondence; however, as we are advised the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania still refuses to recognize it.

An amendment was submitted providing that in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe of the Chapter at any meeting any Past High Priest present may congregate, open and preside over such Chapter at such meeting, which, after a full discussion, was lost.

The report of the Committee on "Fraternal Dead" was read, the Grand Chapter standing, from which report we quote as follows:

"No fewer than thirty-three Companions and men of Israel belonging to our own Grand Jurisdiction have been reported to us as having ended the long journey through the wilderness and at last reached the Tabernacle; that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

"Thirty-three of our Companions have gone. No more shall we feel the hand clasp of Companion and Brother from them; no more shall we look in the smiling eye and hear from them the word of welcome and good cheer here on this earth. No more shall these tokens of brotherly love and affection be extended by them until we, too, have penetrated the secret Arch and been admitted to the presence of the Supreme Grand High Priest."

The report on Foreign Correspondence consisting of eighty-two pages of interesting matter, is the work of Past Grand High Priest Charles J. Phelps, the introduction to which is as follows:

"To The Grand Chapter:—The fathers conferred upon Masters of the Lodges only, a full knowledge of the mysteries of the third and highest degree known to Ancient Craft Masonry, and in a Lodge, afterwards called a Chapter, composed of such, conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree. But it remained for Thomas Smith Webb and his associates, in this country in the closing years of the eighteenth century, to build up around that exalted degree the perfected system of our Royal Arch Masonry. So today it is essentially an American Rite, with a system of laws, rules and regulations, though largely following the law of the Blue Lodge, yet possessing distinctive features, found wise as applied to the Chapter.

"Every American Royal Arch Mason should feel a just pride in the history of the Rite, and maintain a loyalty to its jurisprudence. The inter-

change of Grand Chapter representatives, and the recognition of Grand Chapters in the British Colonies and elsewhere, should be determined solely from our American standpoint."

About two pages of this report is devoted to Pennsylvania, 1906.

Charles W. Kaley, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

R. E. U.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1907.

The proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire at the special convocations held October 18th and November 13, 1906, January 7, and April 9, 1907, and the 88th Annual Convocation May 14, 1907, are set forth in a neat volume of about 380 pages.

The Special Convocation of October 18, 1906, was held at Berlin for the purpose of constituting Mt. Hayes Chapter No. 27.

The Special Convocation of November 13, 1906, was held in the city of Manchester and was for the purpose of exemplifying the several degrees.

The Special Convocation of January 7, 1907, was held at Lebanon for the purpose of celebrating the centennial anniversary of St. Andrews Chapter No. 1.

The Special Convocation of April 9, 1907, was held at Concord for the purpose of celebrating the centennial anniversary of Trinity Chapter No. 2.

The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest opens with the following:

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome you as the Representatives of the several Chapters of the State, as we gather here to review the work of the year; to recount the many blessings which have been ours to enjoy; the benefits which it has been our privilege to confer upon others, and to consult together as to how we may best enlarge our field of usefulness in the future. Many things there are which change essentially with the march of the centuries. The very face of nature may become so altered that what was once a waste and trackless space, becomes fertile fields and busy thoroughfares; what was once a flourishing city becomes a mass of ruins; governments rise and fall. The progress of the world in material things is marvelous to contemplate.

"Other things there are which change not in the flight of time, and one of these is the Ancient and Honorable Order of Masonry; the same today in its essential characteristics as it was centuries ago. Although keeping pace with the march of progress, a member of the Order today pledges his honor and fidelity to the same principles as did our Illustrious Brothers, Benjamin Franklin and George Washington. To the strength and permanency of the organization, upheld by the loyalty of its members, is due its success in the uplifting of men to higher ideals of life."

The Grand High Priest granted but three dispensations during the year.

Regarding the thirty-third triennial of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, among other things the Grand High Priest says:

"The presence of the delegates from nearly every State attested to the truth of Grand High Priest Pollard's words in his address: 'A point has been reached in the history of Capitular Masonry when peace and harmony prevail in all the departments of Masonic work which fall within the jurisdiction of this grand governing body.' The business of the General Grand Chapter occupied a portion of three days, during which time your Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Past Grand High Priests Currier, Hunt, Lang, Webster and other prominent Masons of the State were present. The business sessions of the meetings were interspersed with banquets, receptions and excursions to the many places of interest about Boston, affording most delightful entertainment to delegates and their ladies, thus sustaining the city's enviable reputation for unbounded hospitality."

The subordinate Chapters of the State were divided

among the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe for official visitations and their respective reports in that regard indicate that they all performed the duties assigned them and in the majority of cases report Capitular Masonry in good condition in their Grand Jurisdictions.

The report of the Committee on Finance shows a balance on hand for the year of $769.39.

The report of the Committee on Chapters and Returns as presented by the Grand Secretary shows the number of chapters represented at the Annual Convocation to be 20 out of a total of 26, and total membership in 1907, 3906.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence "respectfully reports as a subject of congratulation to this Grand Chapter that no matters have been presented for their consideration."

The report on Foreign Correspondence consists of 300 pages, and is the work of Rev. Comp. Josiah L. Seward, the occasion for the length of this report is thus explained in the introduction:

> "In consequence of the lamented death of M. E. P. G. H. P. Albert S. Wait of Newport, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in 1906, the great task of reviewing the work of the Grand Chapters for two years fell upon your present Committee."
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> The review of the proceedings for this Grand Jurisdiction for 1905 covers five pages, while that for 1906 covers eleven pages, the whole of which is kindly and manifests the true fraternal spirit, and where criticism is extended it is in line with the adage that "out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh."

It is noted that we did not review the proceedings of

the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire for last year and the reason given, viz: "perhaps because the issuance of the proceedings was of necessity delayed," was correct, as we did not receive it in time for review last year.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence concludes as follows:

"After much labor we have examined the "Proceedings" of the various Grand Chapters with which we are in correspondence. It is but just that we should remind our readers that the delay in the publication of this document is not due to any dilatoriness on the part of our usually punctual Grand Secretary, but to our own delay which was occasioned in part by the necessity of doing in one year the work of two (practically, indeed, of three), and in part by two or three attacks of illness while engaged upon the task.

"We have found our duties as a reviewer both pleasant and profitable. We feared at the first that it might be excessively dull, with no end to the monotony of the work. On the contrary, we have found some new subject which has challenged our attention in almost every document that we have examined. We had never believed that there are still so many unsettled and very interesting questions in Masonry. In venturing to offer our own suggestions at times, we trust that we have, in all cases, regarded that courtesy which is due to the opinions of others. Philosophers assure us that the "basis of knowledge is founded on differences." Logic is a science of comparisons and the validity of the conclusion drawn from the premises will depend upon the fidelity with which we measure the premises in accordance with known standards.

"The cordiality and fairness which characterize all of the reviewers are strikingly noticeable and, although no one of them may ever behold the faces of any considerable part of the whole, yet our mutual work among the same materials brings us into one family, as it were, 'among whom no contention should ever exist save that noble contention of who best may work and best agree.' "

William W. Oliver, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Frank D. Woodbury, Grand Sec'y.

J. W. H.

NEVADA, 1908.

The 35th Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nevada was held at Masonic Hall in Reno, June 8th and 9th A. D. 1908; A. I. 2438.

The M. E. Grand High Priest in opening his address says:

"I welcome you to the Thirty-Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and hope this session may be not only a happy reunion of friends and brothers, dedicated to each other's welfare, but also a council of Companions endowed with wisdom to exalt and perpetuate the divine lessons taught at our sacred altar.

"True devotion to our sublime principles is shown by those Companions from distant Chapters in our State, and by all of those Companions who give their time and energy to promoting the interests of Capitular Masonry in Nevada. May your labors be prosecuted with justice and crowned with success, keeping in mind that there are questions to be solved that are of vital importance to this Grand Chapter, inasmuch as they affect our Constituent Chapters."

No dispensations were requested or granted during the year.

Under the head of "Visitations" the Grand High Priest says:

"I am humiliated in acknowledging that business reasons prevented me from fulfilling my duties in this respect. I have visited and worked in my own Chapter, but in no other, with one exception. On August 30, 1907, I officially constituted the Chapter at Goldfield, Nevada, under the name of Goldfield Chapter, No. 10, and installed their officers. After the ceremonies, which were public, a most elaborate entertainment was provided, two floors of a large building being used to accommodate the guests. Exceptionally rich gifts were presented to participants in games, dancing was indulged in and elaborate refreshments were served. The new Chapter started its official existence with great pomp and splendor."

In which connection, referring to the Goldfield Chapter, we find the following significant statement in the report of the Grand Secretary:

"This office has received several inquiries regarding the non-payment by Goldfield Chapter for their paraphernalia, amounting to $814.92. This is a large amount for a new Chapter to owe, and ought to be investigated."

Under "Recommendations" the Grand High Priest says:

"It having been called to my attention that Austin Chapter, No. 3, has not made returns nor paid dues to this Grand Chapter as required by our laws, and that certain financial irregularities exist in Goldfield Chapter, No. 10, which need investigation, I recommend that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the affairs of said Chapters, with instructions to report their findings to the incoming Grand High Priest.

"I recommend that a General Regulation be made to enable petitioners for degrees to apply, first to the Chapter in the town of their residence, or, if there be none in that town, then to the nearest Chapter by the usually traveled route."

The excuse for there being no report on Foreign Correspondence is stated as follows:

"Being unable to prevail upon any one to accept the position of Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and my duties being such that I could not possibly devote the time necessary for preparing such report, no Correspondence Report will be furnished for the proceedings of the Grand Chapter this year."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in the treasury June 8, 1908, of $608.06.

The entire proceedings of this Convocation are included in about twelve pages and the balance of forty pages is taken up with returns of the subordinate Chapters, including a list of the officers, Past Officers and

Companions of each Chapter; several pages are set apart "In Memoriam," to the memory of Eminent Companions of other jurisdictions whose deaths have been reported during the year (including our late Grand Treasurer, Thomas R. Patton, who died September 14, 1907,) and lists of the representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Nevada and representatives of the Grand Chapter of Nevada near other Grand Chapters.

William L. Cox, Grand High Priest.
C. N. Noteware, Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1907.

The 20th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick was held at Freemasons' Hall in the city of St. John, August 28, A. D. 1907.

The address of the Grand High Priest opens as follows:

"I bid you welcome to this Twentieth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, trusting our deliberations may conduce to the welfare of Capitular Masonry, and, as we enter upon the work of our Convocation, let us not forget to be thankful to the Great 'I AM' for His many blessings during the past year, and gratefully to acknowledge his goodness towards us, weary sojourners journeying along the rough and rugged road of life."

Regarding the progress of the Order, the Grand High Priest says:

"During the year ending the 31st of December last, it is very gratifying, and I have to note that all our subordinate Chapters are working satisfactorily and the members are endeavoring to effectively render our new Ritual

"We have never had a very large yearly increase; in fact, there has often been a decrease, but this year has outstripped all its predecessors, and I take much pleasure in announcing that our increase in membership is about six times greater than in any previous year of our history. I might also say that the income of Grand Chapter is showing a correspondingly marked expansion, and, although it was found necessary to make some extra expenditure in visiting and imparting instruction, I think it was fully justified, and we can look forward to good results for the incoming year."

One of the most interesting and important matters referred to and commented on by the Grand High Priest is the celebration held on the 27th of November, 1906, of Carleton Royal Arch Chapter No. 1 in honor of its one hundredth anniversary, in connection with which the Grand High Priest prepared and delivered a historical address which he submitted with his address to the Grand Chapter and which is printed in full as an appendix to the Proceedings, regarding which, the committee, to whom was referred for consideration the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, says:

"The observance by Carleton Chapter of its Centennial Year, and the mode of its celebration of such an interesting event must be gratifying to all the Royal Arch Masons in the Jurisdiction. The historic address which the Grand High Priest delivered on that occasion is of much general interest and the Committee recommend that, in view of the historic data which it contains, its publication is desirable. It will be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of this Annual Meeting, and this is recommended."

Under the title of "Too Hastily Conferring Degrees," the M. E. Grand High Priest says:

"I have been called upon once or twice during the year for opinions as to the conferring of degrees which are not necessary to refer to except in one particular, viz.:—Whether the non-qualification to pass examinations would disqualify a candidate for further advancement, to which I have replied, that such non-qualification is not in our Jurisdiction a bar to a candidate getting the next degree at any time. This leads me to observe that, although

we have a formula for examination of candidates before promotion to a higher degree, it is practically rendered imperative because, first, Such non-qualification is no prohibition; and second, Our Chapters can confer all the degrees on a candidate at one Convocation. I notice that the constitutions in some of our sister Jurisdictions do not allow two degrees to be conferred upon any candidate at the one Convocation unless one of such degrees be that of Past Master.

"I do not wish to unnecessarily limit the work in the various Chapters, yet I think it is but right to say it has been brought to my attention that candidates are rushed, or, as it has been said, 'railroaded through,' with a curtailed ceremonial, in order to be qualified as applicants for a higher Order. Possibly a remedy might be found for this if Grand Chapter so amended its constitution that not more than two degrees could be conferred at the same Convocation on any one candidate without Dispensation, and I would respectfully ask Grand Chapter to give this subject consideration."

Regarding which recommendation, the Grand Chapter printed the report of the committee to whom the matter was referred, as follows, viz.:-

"Grand Chapter will appreciate what is said by the Grand High Priest in regard to the too hastily conferring of all the degrees, and this committee advises that the Executive Committee give notice in time for action at the next annual meeting of an amendment to the constitution along the lines suggested by the Grand High Priest."

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a total membership of 618 and during the year there were 90 exalted; 7 withdrawn; 7 suspended; 9 died; leaving a net increase of 67.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand at the close of the year of $704.78.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

William B. Wallace, Grand High Priest.

J. Twining Hartt, Grand Sec'y.

J. W. H.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1908.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Concord, on Tuesday, May 19, A.D. 1908, M. E. Grand High Priest William W. Olliver presiding, and the other Grand Officers in their respective places and stations. Nine Past Grand High Priests, forty-five Past High Priests, twenty-four Representatives of Grand Chapters, among them Samuel Condon, representing Pennsylvania, and representatives of twenty-one Subordinate Chapters were present.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at eleven o'clock, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain. After appointing the Standing Committees M. E. Companion William Wallace Olliver, Grand High Priest, delivered his address. After reminding them of the goodness of the Grand High Priest of the Universe by Whose mercy they are permitted to gather around their consecrated altar, he extends to all a cordial greeting and bespeaks for all a time of pleasure and profit. He refers to the number who have been called to the "silent majority" during the year just closing, and deems it fitting that they should pause in their deliberations and consider their lives—to emulate their virtues and honor their memories—and thus make our lives better and nobler for having known them.

He then gives a brief biography of six Past High

Priests who died during the year, some of whom rendered distinguished service to the Order in its various branches. Especially, Past High Priest Horace Ames Brown, a 32° Mason, who filled all the offices appointive and elective with great acceptibility, and as a printer he was distinguished for sterling integrity and nobility of character; served as a State legislator and mayor of Concord.

The life and character of such men are an inspiration to those who come after them.

> "How to make their lives sublime.
> And, departing, leave behind them,
> Foot-prints in the sands of time."

He lived eighty-one years.

The Grand High Priest granted six dispensations: two to hold special elections, one to hold a public installation, another to attend a concert and reception in the regalia of their rank. He approved and received several waivers of Jurisdiction from Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Jersey.

He made one decision. When a Royal Arch Mason who has been suspended from membership for nonpayment of dues is reinstated or restored to membership by a vote of the Chapter, does he by that vote regain his membership and may he at once take part in the business of the Chapter, or must he first sign the By-Laws? The restoration of a suspended member does not technically imply a restoration of membership (which has been lost), but a restoration to the

full exercise of the functions and enjoyments of the privileges of the Chapter. Therefore it would not be necessary that he should again sign the By-Laws.

SPECIAL CONVOCATION.

"On Wednesday, November 20, 1907, a special Convocation of this grand body was held in Masonic Hall, in the city of Rochester, for the purpose of exemplifying the several degrees. The attendance of the Grand Officers was good, as was that of the officers and Companions of the subordinate Chapters throughout the State. The work of the several degrees was done in a very correct and impressive manner, which I am sure is an indication of a growing interest in Capitular Masonry, and cannot but help have a good influence on the officers and Companions of the several Chapters, and inspire them to 'that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.' I most heartily recommend the continuance of these special Convocations."

He assigned to the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and himself, all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction to be visited, all of which was done.

The reports show the several Chapters in the Jurisdiction to be in a prosperous condition, the work to be very well done, the books well kept, the book of Marks generally up to date and a very lively interest manifested by the Companions in the work.

Grand Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand as per last Report, . .	$769 39
Receipts during the year, ...	2,048 95
Total, ...	$2,818 34
Expenditures, ...	2,326 82
Balance on hand, ...	$491 52

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Number of Chapters, ...	26
Number of members, ...	4,036

The report on Foreign Correspondence covers 191 pages, of which Pennsylvania receives 3½ pages, in which the reporter gives a fair and courteous account of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. Charles H. Sinclair, Concord, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

NEW JERSEY, 1908.

In the rooms of the Three Times Three Chapter, No. 3, in the Masonic Temple in the City of Trenton at 10 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday, May 13, A. D. 1908 the Fifty-second annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey was held, M. E. Companion Jacob Kirkner Grand High Priest presiding, and the associate Grand Officers present. Seventeen Past Grand Officers, twenty-eight Past High Priests, forty-three representatives of subordinate Chapters present also. Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his address. He welcomes them to the Convocation, reminding them of the gratitude due to the Giver of all blessings for the prosperity that has been vouchsafed them during the year just closed. Sickness of himself and family prevented him from performing his duty as intended at the beginning.

The appointment of a Grand Lecturer and his assistants relieved him of much of the labor of visiting and inspecting the subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction. He recommends the visit of the Grand High Priest as very beneficial and encouraging to the constituent Chapters arousing enthusiasm and uniformity in the work. If we are ever to have uniform work there must be some central point from which instruction must proceed and that must be given by those competent to impart it—either by the Grand High Priest or some one representing him.

He refers very sympathetically to the departed of his own Jurisdiction and also of his Sister Jurisdictions. Masons are not unmindful of their dead companions.

"Yet we must follow soon, will glad obey
When a few suns have rolled their cares away,
Tired with vain life, will close the willing eye;
'Tis the great birthright of mankind to die."

Three dispensations were granted, one to elect their officers at a special convocation, two to install officers who were unavoidably prevented from being present on the regular installation night.

No decisions were made, showing that the officers of the several constituent Chapters were well versed in the law regulating their Jurisdiction.

Eighteen waivers of Jurisdiction were granted to New York, four refused and four pending, one was asked for and received from New York; five were asked for and received by Pennsylvania. Nine were asked and received from Pennsylvania, two refused on account of not being a P. M.

As an evidence of his desire to have the work thoroughly understood and also exemplified soon after his installation he assembled the committee on Ritual and Floor Work in Union Chapter No. 7 at Newark for a review of the floor work pertaining to the Capitular Degrees. The entire Committee as well as most of the Assistant Lecturers were present when the whole subject was thoroughly discussed and universal action decided upon. The beneficial effects were apparent throughout the Jurisdiction, showing a net gain of membership of 312, and a total membership of 5,601.

He recommended a re-districting of the state, making six districts instead of five and that Chapters of instruction be held in each district at intervals of three or four months under the direction of the Grand Lecturer or the Assistant in charge of that particular district at which the work shall he exemplified and that representatives of the Chapters in that district shall be compelled to attend.

After thanking the officers for the efficient services they have rendered during the year, he concluded with this request:

> "Sum up at night what thou hast done by day,
> And in the morning what thou hast to do.
> Dress and undress thy soul. Watch the decay
> And growth of it. If, with thy watch, that too,
> Be down, wind both up. Since we shall be
> Most surely judged, make thy accounts agree."

The reports of the Grand and Assistant Lecturers show an increasing interest among the Royal Craft, attended with harmony and prosperity.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in the Treasury of $2008.83.

The Grand Secretary reports that the returns of work and dues have been received from all the subordinate Chapters.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report the doings of fifty-two Grand Jurisdictions, 214 pages, of which Pennsylvania receives four pages of kind and courteous review.

M. E. Comp. James S. Ware, Grand High Priest.
M. E. Comp. Leonard L. Green, Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

NEW YORK, 1907.

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York convened in the Masonic Temple on the north west corner of Maiden Lane and Lodge Street in the city of Albany, commencing on Tuesday, February 4, A. I. 2438, A. D. 1908 at 10 o'clock A. M., M. E. Dana Baldwin Platt, Grand High Priest presiding and the other Grand Officers present. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests, Representatives of twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions and of two hundred and two Constituent Chapters being present. The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form with prayer offered by the Grand Chaplain. Distinguished visitors from the Grand Chapters of New Jersey and Connecticut were present.

The Grand High Priest then submitted his Annual

Report. Sickness prevented him from doing anything the first two months of the year. He pays tribute to the memory of departed Companions of his own and other Jurisdictions. Past Grand High Priest Geo. Van Vliet of New York receives especial mention of his almost fifty years service in Free Masonry. His necrological report takes up fifteen pages of his address. The official dead of New York Jurisdiction take nine pages, foreign jurisdictions, six pages. He mentions the long service of M. E. Grand Treasurer Thomas R. Patton of Pennsylvania and the noble charity he made or founded for the especial benefit of the poor and unfortunate in Free Masonary.

He increased the number of Lecturers that more general instruction may be given to the constituent Chapters in the Jurisdiction and that the work may be more uniform.

Dispensations were granted to two Chapters to be constituted and he recommended that Charters be granted to the same. A number of incidental Dispensations were granted to elect and install officers at irregular times and for conferring Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees, and also the Order of High Priesthood.

Waivers of Jurisdiction were granted by the Grand High Priest of New Jersey, of Rhode Island and Connecticut and granted to Grand High Priest of Maine, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

He tenders his grateful acknowlegements to his associate officers for their uniform courtesy and response

on all occasions and especially to the R. E. Grand Secretary Christopher G. Fox who for forty-one years has faithfully served in that capacity. He concludes as follows:

"COMPANIONS:—I have endeavored to present to you as clearly as possible a record of my official acts during the past year. One year ago I entered upon the work of this office with some fear and trepidation respecting my ability to measure up to its requirements. I entered upon it, also, with a fixed determination to perform the duties devolving upon me to the very best of my ability, to do my duty as I saw it, striving to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors, each and every one of whom has placed the mark of his honest endeavor upon the tablet of Capitular Masonry."

The Deputy Grand High Priest Comp. Willis W. Rice reports a number of Dispensations granted by him during the illness of the Grand High Priest for conferring the Order of High Priesthood, also to confer the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters Degrees, and that he made a large number of visits official and otherwise and he was agreeably surprised to find such excellent work being done by Chapters visited.

THE GRAND TREASURER REPORTS

Cash on hand at last Report,		$48,996 31
Received from Grand Secretary,		23,046 35
Interest on Deposits,		1,952 17
Total Receipts,		$73,994 83
Expenditures,		13,214 95
Deposited in Savings Banks,		$60,779 88
General Fund,	31,518 45	
Permanent Fund,	29,261 43	
Grand Total of Funds,		$60,779 88

The Grand Secretary reports as follows:

Number of members at close of last year, .	31,107
Increase during the year, ...	1,693
Total, ...	32,800
General Grand Chapter dues, one cent per member,	$328.00

The Grand Lecturer reports a year of strenuous work exemplifying and conferring the different degrees of the Craft and the order of Highpriesthood. He commends the correctness of the work, particularly in the Past Masters Degree, due in a measure to the conferring of the Most Excellent Masters Degree. The Jurisdiction is divided into nineteen Lecture Districts to each of which a Lecturer is appointed and he is required:

"at least once each year to convene and hold a Convention in each district for the exemplification of the work and instruction in the several degrees and lectures."

A Grand Council of Anointed High Priests was duly convened and seventy-one High Priests were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the office of High Priest.

The committee on memorials report on the death of their Grand Treasurer in connection with Pennsylvania as follows:

"Our sympathies go out at this time in fullest measure to the Sovereign Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania in the death of their Grand Treasurer, as reported above, for we too have suffered a like affliction. The New Year was not two weeks old when the sad news was borne throughout the Jurisdiction that our loved and honored Grand Treasurer, HERMAN H. RUSS, was no more. We need not here speak of the fidelity and efficiency with which for twenty-two years he performed his important official duties in this Grand Chapter. Nor is it necessary to enlarge upon his character as a citizen and man of business. Words worthy of his memory in both of these aspects will be found in the Grand High Priest's address. The work he did

for us will be done by another, no doubt as well; it could not be better done.

It is as the Brother, Companion, and Friend that we shall miss him. It has been well and truly said that a distinguishing characteristic of Royal Arch Masonry in general and of the Grand Chapter in particular, is its *cordiality*. But the cordiality of an organization is the cordialty of the individual members who compose it, and to that spirit of cordiality, that warm, genial atmosphere of fraternal regard, which helps to make our Annual Convocations so pleasurable, profitable and inspiring, Companion Russ contributed in no slight degree. Though on the verge of eighty years, his heart was as young and fresh as ever; no accumulation of years, it would seem, could chill that genial spirit which looked out of his kindly eyes and made itself felt in the warm fraternal clasp of his hand. A strong personality, distinguished by signal uprightness of character, by great efficiency in office, by unaffected and unvarying courtesy and cordiality in his relations with his Companions, he has left vacant a place in our councils and in our hearts which will not soon or easily be filled. For him and all other of our dear Companions departed, we echo the Church's ancient benediction and prayer, "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon them."

The committee of correspondence review the proceedings of fifty Grand Jurisdictions, 81 pages, of which Pennsylvania receives three pages of courteous review. The Grand Chaplain delivered a fine address on Lessons from the most "Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons." Space forbids quoting.

M. E. Willis W. Rice, Grand High Priest, Watertown.

R. E. Christpoher G. Fox, Grand Sec'y., Buffalo.

J. W. H.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina convened in its Sixtieth Annual Convocation in the Court House in the City of Kinston, May 12th, 1908, at 11 o'clock A. M., Comp. A. B. Andrews, Jr. M. E. Grand High Priest presiding and the other Grand

Officers present, seven Past Grand High Priests, twenty three Past High Priests, forty-three representatives of Subordinate Chapters, twenty-three Grand Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions, among them Pennsylvania, present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The Grand High Priest then read his address.

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS:—With sincere pleasure and genuine gratification are you greeted today and welcomed to the Sixtieth Annual Convocation held today in this city. The name of the Chapter in whose hall we meet commemorates the life and career of the illustrious patriot, citizen, and Mason, whose name and deeds, always exerted for the uplifting of his State and fellowman, will live in history long after we of the present generation have passed away. Near this historic city lies buried Brother Richard Caswell, whose monument, standing in the center of this city, bespeaks the pride that a State feels in commemorating the virtues of her dead.

While we meet in this city let us also be thankful that Providence has spared this Grand Chapter. But not so with many of our Chapters and likewise with our sister jurisdictions, who recall the following upon whom the hand of the Grim Monster has fallen.

He fraternally refers to the official dead of Sister Jurisdictions, among them M. E. Grand Treasurer Thomas R. Patton of Pennsylvania.

He speaks in very commendable terms of the prosperous condition in which he found the Chapters visited.

He granted eleven dispensations; some to elect officers, some to receive and act upon petitions, without laying over the statutory time. He made several decisions, most of which were of a local character.

He decided that a Chapter becoming dormant, any unfinished work of the dormant Chapter becomes the work of the nearest active Chapter. A Chapter elected

to the degrees a Master Mason, conferred upon him the Mark degree and at a Lodge meeting it was announced that there would be a Chapter meeting for the purpose of giving the remaining degrees. One of the Companions now gives notice that he demands a ballot upon further advancement of the candidate and the High Priest asks if a ballot can be demanded or must the Companion file specific charges. It was ruled that while a petitioner was elected to the degrees that a ballot could be demanded on passing from one Chapter degree to another just as in the Lodge and that the objecting brother need not file specific charges.

He speaks of the pleasure he had in his visitations of the Chapters in his own Jurisdiction, and also the one hundredth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia held in the City of Norfolk and also to attend the ninety-seventh annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina held in the City of Charleston, both of which were very enjoyable gatherings. On the twenty-seventh of May, 1907, he recognized the Grand Chapter of New South Wales by commissioning Ex. Companion S. D. Townsend, Sidney, New South Wales, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina near that Grand Chapter.

He concluded his address thus:

So it is with each of us as we go through life, we may plant the snow drops of purity, the primroses of sincerity, the violets of love and faithfulness, the daisies of innocence and peace, the hawthorn flowers of hope and happy life, and the holly berries of domestic happiness and foresight, so that when they bloom forth to brighten, bless and cheer mankind the world may be the gainer

by our presence, and later meeting the person with whom we have come in contact they may unconsciously realize that the world has been benefited by the living in it of one who would then be worthy the name of a true gentleman and a Christian.

"What use for the rope, if it be not flung
Till the swimmer's grasp to the rock has clung?
What help in a comrade's bugle blast
When the peril of Alpine heights is past?
What need that the spurring pæan roll
When the runner is safe beyond the goal?
What worth is eugloy's blandest breath
When whispered in ears that are hushed in death?
No! no! if we have but a word of cheer,
Speak it, while I am alive to hear!"

The Grand High Priest apportions the constituent Chapters among the several Grand Officers for the purpose of inspection and reporting to the Grand Chapter the condition of the work and the interest manifested therein throughout the Jurisdiction. A good plan to arouse interest in the work.

The Grand Lecturer reports a year of faithful service among the Chapters, mingled with pleasure to himself and profit to the craft. He gives total membership 2076, a gain of 243.

The Grand Treasurer reports cash on hand May 17, 1907	$2336.75
Cash from Grand Secretary $1730.50 Interest $56.63	1787.13
	$4123.88
Disbursements	1461.63
Balance	$2662.25

The M. E. Convention of the Order of Anointed High Priests of North Carolina assembled in the Hall of Caswell Chapter No. 38 Royal Arch Masons in the

City of Kinston, North Carolina, and was opened in short form when twenty-four Companions were introduced and solemnly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in due from, M. E. William J. Hubbard presiding.

No report on Correspondence.

M. E. James C. Braswell, Grand High Priest.

M. E. James C. Munds, Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1908.

The Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota convened in the Masonic Temple, at Fargo, North Dakota Thursday July 2, 1908 at 10 o'clock all the Grand Officers were present, Comp. John Riessbeck, M. E. Grand High Priest presiding. Nine Past Grand High Priests, Representatives of sixteen subordinate Chapters and twenty-nine Grand Chapters, among them Comp. Alexander B. Taylor representing Pennsylvania, were present.

After the necessary Committees were appointed the M. E. Grand High Priest read his annual address.

He begins as follows:

"It is with pleasure that I greet you at the Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota. One more year has been recorded on the records of time and we are again met in Grand Convocation for the purpose of reviewing our acts, during this period, and to labor for the future welfare of the Craft. First of all let us thank the "Great I Am "for the many blessings we have enjoyed, for we can truly say: "For He is good and His mercy endureth forever." I take pleasure in Congratulating you on the harmonious and prosperous conditions of the craft

in this Grand Jurisdiction, and I hope our proceedings will be characterized by Harmony, Friendship and Brotherly Love."

He then gives a brief biographical account of each of the deceased members of the other Grand Jurisdictions, which takes up three full pages of the address, among them Past Grand Treasurer Comp. Thomas Ranken Patton and Past Grand High Priest James Shallcross Barber of Pennsylvania.

He issued two dispensations during the year, one permitting the use of a substitue in making up a team, the other authorizing a Chapter to elect and install its officers after the time prescribed by the law.

A dispensation to form a new Chapter to be known as Cando Chapter U. D. was granted. He also approved a list of paraphernalia to be used by Chapters.

No decisions were demanded during the year.

"In laying down the high honors of Office which your friendship and kindness bestowed upon me, I beg that you overlook my shortcomings during the year. I thank you for your loyalty and support and assure you of my high appreciation of the honors you have conferred."

The portrait of the retiring Grand High Priest embellishes the report.

The Grand Treasurer's report:

Balance on hand	$5,627.73
Receipts	2,056.22
	7,683.95
Expenditures	1,395.51
Balance	$6,288.44

Grand Secretary's Report:

Number Chapters—16.....Membership—1794

No Correspondence report.

A partial view of the interior of Grand Lodge Library.

A complete view of the assembled Grand Chapter.

A photograph of deceased Grand Treasurer, Comp. Alexander C. Mather, died Aug. 17, 1901.

Comp Frank H. Sprague M. E. High Priest.

Comp. Frank J. Thompson, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, (with Jurisdiction over the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edwards Island and Newfoundland) was held in Keith Hall in the town of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday the ninth day of June A. D. 1908, A. L. 2438, at 10 o'clock, A. M., M. E. Grand High Priest William W. Dillon presiding. All the Grand Officers in their respective stations and places, also seventeen Past Grand High Priests, seven Past Grand Kings, fourteen Past Grand Scribes, twelve out of the sixteen Subordinate Chapters represented and thirteen Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions in attendance.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock A. M. The report of the committee on credentials was received and adopted and apologies were received for absentees.

The M. E. Grand Master then read his report.

He begins as follows:

COMPANIONS:—"The divisions of time are but the milestones men erect on the highway leading to eternity, and time in its rapid flight has rolled another year into the past since we last met in annual convocation. Now, as we again surround our altar, let us with grateful hearts render homage and adoration to the Great I AM, to whom time and change is not applicable, by whose gracious providence we are permitted to assemble on this our thirty-ninth annual convocation.

I am pleased to meet you in this charming town of Yarmouth, a community famed for its natural attractiveness and for its beautiful gardens and well kept lawns and hedges, and for its many handsome and stately residences. Surely Yarmouth is a veritable paradise.

For the first time it is my high privilege to sit in the East and receive the honours of this exalted station. I am profoundly sensible of this exceptional distinction, because, whilst it is always pleasing to be called to the post of honour in any assembly, it is not only a pleasure but a great honour to preside over a Masonic body, and especially over the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia.

Permit me to preface my report by saying that my term of office has been a continuous pleasure. The Companions have responded to every call, harmony prevails in every Chapter, and the progress has been most gratifying indeed. The harvest seems just now ripening. As never before Capitular Masonry is appreciated in this jurisdiction, and calls are coming from East, West, North and South for "more light" in Masonry.

Under the head of "Necrology," he gives the names of all Companions who have died in his Jurisdiction, with the name of the Chapter to which they belonged. He then follows with the official dead of sister Jurisdictions; among them is the name of Thomas Ranken Patton, Grand Treasurer of Pennsylvania.

He visited all the Chapters, examined the books, and generally found everything in fine order; the book of Marks, with one or two exceptions, was up to date. His reception was cordial and fraternal, generally closing with a banquet. His territory is broken up by water; to reach St. Johns, Newfoundland, he had to travel over six hundred miles, partly by land, partly

by water. This Chapter, though belonging to Nova Scotia, has been but seldom visited by Grand High Priests, yet it is under the guidance of one of the "best informed and most willing Companions (Comp. Pinset)," and has kept its own and gone ahead. Our Grand High Priest found it in a very prosperous condition.

The Secretary reports

Number of Chapters	16
Exalted during the year	137
Affiliated	13
Reinstated	5
Suspended	4
Dimitted	15
Died	9
Total Membership April 30	1129

The Treasurer's Report:

Balance	$753.71
Cash 1908	839.65
	1,593.36
Expenses 1908	479.55
Balance	$1,113.81

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood of Nova Scotia was held in Keith Hall, Yarmouth, N. S., Tuesday evening, June 9, 1907. The Convention was opened in *Solemn Form* at 8:30 o'clock, M. E. Companion William M. Black, Excellent President, and the other officers in their respective places and stations. Petitions for the Order were

received from twelve Past High Priests and High Priests, balloted for and elected. The Excellent President, assisted by the other Officers of the Convocation, then conferred the Order of High Priesthood in Royal Arch Masonry in *Due and Solemn Form* on the above named Companions. Then follows a complete list of all the anointed High Priests in the Jurisdiction.

The Correspondence Report is by three Companions and covers sixty pages and includes forty-eight Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania receives fair and honest consideration from the pen of S. J. Waddell. He says Comp. Meredith's address contains the records of a strong and conservative administration, and that the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania is practically an autocrat.

M. E. Comp. Thomas VanB. Bingay, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Comp. Samuel J. Waddell, Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

OHIO, 1908.

The Ninety-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio convened in the Masonic Temple in the city of Cleveland, October 7, A.D. 1908. All the Grand Officers were present, Comp. Lewis M. Lea, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests, representatives of one hundred and fifty-nine subordinate Chapters; thirty other Grand Chapters were represented by their accredited Grand Representatives.

Pennsylvania was not among the number.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at 9:30 o'clock. After several distinguished visitors were introduced and received with the Grand Honors and escorted to the East and the Grand High Priest had appointed the necessary Committees, he delivered his Annual Address. It takes up twenty-five pages of the report. He says:

"It is with unstinted pleasure and sincere gratitude to the Almighty Father, who in mercy has permitted it, that I greet you and bid you welcome to this ninety-second Annual Convocation of our beloved Grand Chapter. The year with its joys and sorrows, its labors and amenities, is done. For me, your sometime standard, its duties and its responsiblities are ended and the moment is near when I shall pass from arduous, though inspiring labor, to grateful and welcome rest."

"He sadly refers to the death of their Grand Treasurer Comp. Robert V. Hampson, who for twenty-three years consecutively was Grand Treasurer. And adds:

"His inflexible integrity and honesty of purpose, combined with a kindly genial disposition made him an ideal Companion and friend."

He refers to the Companions who have died throughout the Jurisdiction during the year (three hundred and forty-two), also the deceased of sister Jurisdictions—two from Pennsylvania, Grand Treasurer Comp. Thomas R. Patton and Past Grand High Priest, Comp. James S. Barber.

He granted two dispensations for new Chapters, U. D. A number of special dispensations were granted mostly to elect and install officers after the specified time. No decisions were made. Although a number

of questions were submitted and much correspondence necessitated thereby, all were disposed of by reference to statutes and approved decisions. He urges upon the officers of the constituent Chapters to familiarize themselves with the Constitution, Code and decisions of the Grand Chapter, and the application of the knowledge thus gained to the solution of many simple problems and the elimination of such requests as are beyond the power of the Grand Master to grant.

This is wholesome advice to officers of all Chapters and would save the Grand High Priest much labor. He divided the Jurisdiction into thirty-four districts, containing from one to seven Chapters, and appointed an inspector in each district and furnished him with a series of questions which he wished to be answered by the officers of the respective Chapters. All the Chapters in the Jurisdiction were inspected except six. The reports show a decrease in delinquents of 812; the number of Secretaries who failed to record the Finance Committee's report has decreased from 19 to 3; that only one failed to make proper record of his return to the Grand Chapter.

The inquiry in regard to Marks developed the fact that but six Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction have fully complied with the requirements in this regard, while as many as thirty have ignored them entirely. A general revival of our ancient custom is apparent and the brethren everywhere seem to feel that the "Mark" and its significance should not become obsolete.

Two new Chapters were constituted: McKinley,

No. 181, in Cleveland, and McConnellsville, No. 182 in McConnellsville. Three new Temples were dedicated—one at Dayton, one at Lancaster, one at Marietta. These were occasions of pleasure and Masonic enthusiasm and will result in great good to the Craft. He speaks eulogistically of the pleasure he derived from visitation, the interest in the work manifested by the brethren, the good attendance, and the correctness of the work, and quite frequently a sumptuous table Lodge closed the exercises which appealed strongly and satisfyingly to the inner man and sent them away delighted completely with the evening's entertainment.

In conclusion, he says:

"And now, Companions of the Grand Chapter, my work is done and its results are in your hands; my errors are my own and if any small merit shall appear, I shall be overjoyed and doubly grateful to those who have so generously aided me. If in aught I be found to have neglected or exceeded duty, I can but plead an earnest effort to understand and execute the will of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Necrology beautifully and pathetically refers to the ravages of death in their Jurisdiction.

"Three hundred and fifty-two homes made desolate by the loss of loved ones whose presence brightened the lives and made glad the hearts of those who gathered around the firesides now shrouded in the sombre emblems of grief and caused the "Great Lights" of scores of Chapters to be draped in the solemn black which marked our sorrow at the loss from our midst of those we loved so well."

They are not unmindful that twenty-two sister Jurisdictions mourn with them.

A complete table of statistics of the Masonic Home is given, which shows the munificence of Ohio Freemasonry, the splendid provisions which have been made for the aged and indigent of the fraternity. They are now caring for 66 men whose average age is 74 years; 43 women, average age 74 years; 28 boys, average age, 12 years; 23 girls, average age 10½ years. From the description it must be a delightful place for the aged veterans and a pleasure for the Craft to look upon. The sums on deposit and in bonds amount to $102,273.44.

Under the auspices of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 7th, a beautiful monument was dedicated and unveiled to the memory of Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Brenton D. Babcock, in the beautiful Lake View Cemetery at Cleveland, the gift of the different Masonic bodies in Cleveland and the adjacent country at a cost of $2,000.00. A beautiful memorial to a very worthy man.

Proceedings of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Ohio—The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests was opened in *Ample Form* for the transaction of business in the Masonic Temple at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Comp. Nelson Williams, M. E. President, presiding, and the other Grand Officers in their respective stations. The M. E. President delivered a short address congratulating them upon the kind Providence that had been over them during the year, and concluding as follows:

"May the Star of Faith be as a beacon light to guide us onward to the goal of immortality, and, swerving neither to the right or to the left, may all our efforts be directed toward the securing not only the peace of our own mind, but the peace, comfort and happiness of our fellow men."

Seventy-two petitions were referred to the committee, who after investigation, reported favorably, when a ballot was had and all were elected. They were then separately admitted, set apart and solemnly consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in *Due and Ample Form.* After devotional exercises by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Council was closed in *Ample Form.*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports on fifty Jurisdictions in 193 pages, of which Pennsylvania receives five pages of fraternal consideration.

Comp. Edward H. Archer, M. E. Grand High Priest, Columbus.

Comp. Edwin Hagenbuch, M. E. Grand Secretary, Columbus.

J. W. H.

QUEBEC.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec assembled in Thirty-first Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple in the City of Montreal at 3.00 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday the 27th day of March A. D. 1908 A. I. 2438.

M. E. John McClean, Grand 1st Prin. Z., presiding and the other Grand Officers in their respective stations and places. The four Grand Superintendents of Districts, twenty-two Past Grand Officers, twenty

Grand Representatives and fifty members of the different Chapters were present. The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The First Grand Principal Z. then delivered his address. He most heartily welcomes them to their Annual Convocation and returns his thanks to the Most High for the blessings of the past year and for the privilege of meeting again around their Masonic Altar, to renew old friendships and to form new. He states that the condition of the Royal Craft in the Jurisdiction is most satisfactory. A fair average addition to the membership is the result of the past year's work in the subordinate Chapters, the net increase being fifty-nine and our total membership is two hundred and fifty-nine.

He refers lovingly to the fraternal dead of his own Jurisdiction and to those of Sister Jurisdictions on whom the dark shadow has fallen. He describes his official visitations during the year as being most pleasant and satisfactory. The Degree work was most excellently done in all the Chapters visited.

Two Dispensations were granted to install officers at special times.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, of which there are four, show that throughout the Districts the Chapters are in a prosperous condition, the work of the Degrees being done by the officers in a very creditable manner, showing interest and pleasure in it and enjoyment in it by all the Companions.

The Grand Treasurer reports Balance on hand 1907	$1,242.32
Int.	27.42
Amount received from Grand S. E.	1,025.50
Total	$2,295.24
Disbursements	832.78
Balance on hand	$1,462.46
Benevolent Fund on deposit	2,316.86
Cash Assets	$3,779.32

The Grand Lecturer in his report of the Jurisdiction confirms the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the Districts as to the correctness of the work and the interest manifested by the members. Quebec seems to be well cared for in point of instruction.

In the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence (67 pages) Pennsylvania receives brief fraternal notice; special notice is given to the death of Grand Treasurer Comp. Thomas R. Patton and his munificent gift of $100,000 to a Masonic Memorial Charity Fund.

M. E. Comp. Harry G. Elliott, Montreal, Grand Z.

M. E. Comp. William H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

J. W. H.

SCOTLAND, 1907.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland held in the Royal Arch Masons Hall, Edinburg, Friday March 6th, 1908 and also the Annual Convocation held on Monday, March 23rd have been received. The first was for the election of

officers, the second for their installation. The installation being over they adjourned to the banqueting Hall at which many toasts were proposed and many lively and interesting responses were made. The toasts included a variety of topics, Masonic and otherwise. In his reply to "The Imperial Forces" M. E. Comp. the Earl of Cassilis, Grand Chancellor, Major 3rd Royal Scots Fusiliers, said:

"They were all agreed they must have a Navy equal to the two biggest Navies of foreign Powers. When they had that, there was not much chance of invasion."

The reports were all indicative of prosperity, numerically and financially.

M. E. Comp. C. Carthew, Yorstoun, Grand Z.
M. E. Comp. R. S. Brown, Grand Scribe E.

J. W. H.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota met in Nineteenth Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall in the City of Mitchell, commencing Thursday, June 11, 1908, Anno Inventionis 2438, Anno Domini 1908, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Grand Officers present, A. C. Biernatzki, M. E. Grand High Priest, John E. Hipple, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, David A. Douglass, R. E. Grand King, Frank A. Brown, R. E. Grand Scribe, Louis Jacobs, as R. E. Grand Treasurer, Geo. A. Pettigrew, R. E. Grand Secretary.

The Grand Representative from Pennsylvania near South Dakota was present. A. C. Biernatzki, Salem, for Pennsylvania.

The address of the Grand High Priest is able and interesting, and has the optimistic tune so grateful amid the discordant janglings of so much Pessimism.

"Let me welcome you to this, the 19th Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of this state. It is indeed a pleasure and valued privilege to meet amid such pleasant surroundings, exchange fraternal greetings and resume labor for our beloved institution. Reverently we should return our thanks to the Great I Am for his care, favor and protection, thankfully acknowledging the various blessings which have come to all of this jurisdiction during the past year. Material prosperity has been general. Our civil, educational, charitable and religious institutions have suffered no interruption in their work. All the blessings of a free and enlightened government, protecting all in their rights and promoting the highest intellectual and moral development, have been ours."

I give his only decision:

"Groton Chapter No. 39 required me to decide as to the regularity of the following proceedings: A petition was received by this Chapter and duly referred to an investigating committee. At the next stated Convocation held after a lapse of the constitutional period, the committee had made no report and none of its members were present. Thereupon the High Priest removed the members of the committee and appointed others in their stead. The new members of the committee reported favorably the same evening, the ballot was spread and the candidate elected. Upon this statement of facts I decided as follows:

"Sections 10 and 17 of Article IV are the only provisions of the constitution bearing upon the question. Section 17 provides that 'One month shall intervene between the reception and reference of the petition and the time of the ballot.' It will be seen that one month must elapse not only from the time of the reception of the petition but from its reference. Were it not for this constitutional provision reference to a committee would not be required. It was not required by ancient usage. In this case the petition was 'referred' as required. I cannot doubt the power of the High Priest to change the personnel of a committee that has failed to report. The new members of a committee might ask for more time, but if they did not see fit

to do so, but were able from their own knowledge or inquiries they might make, to report the same evening of their appointment, that would be a matter resting with their own conscience and sense of duty. The ballot having been taken one month after the reception and reference of the petition, the election of the candidate was regular."

The Grand High Priest takes the view we do in the matter of recording Marks, as note the following:

"Section 22 of the Constitution provides that every Chapter shall have a 'Book of Marks' in which shall be entered in a proper manner, the mark of every brother advanced prior to his receiving the Royal Arch degree. This is also a requirement of the General Grand Chapter. I find that strict compliance with this mandatory requirement does not exist in all of the Chapters of this Jurisdiction. In the haste to confer degrees the performance of this duty is too often put off for a later time and finally neglected altogether. This beautiful and instructive degree loses much of its significance and value to the one who has not complied with this requirement. Indeed it is difficult to understand how one can become in fact, a Mark Master Mason who has neither selected or recorded his mark. As I view the matter this neglect or inattention to a matter of such importance should be remedied if possible.

"Possibly a requirement that the Secretary of each Chapter shall include in his annual report the number of those who have been advanced and whose marks have been duly recorded, would meet all purposes."

The concluding words of his address speak for themselves. I cannot but think, that when those who direct our affairs are good and true men, Harmony and Prosperity will prevail.

"Condition of the Craft.

"It is very gratifying to me to be able to state that the past year has been the most prosperous in the history of this Grand Chapter in respect to gain in membership, but it is even more gratifying to know that peace and harmony have prevailed within the Jurisdiction, and not the slightest dissension has come to my notice as existing in any Subordinate Chapters.

"Number of Chapters in this jurisdiction,	31
Number of members,	2,370
Number exalted,	264
Number admitted,	34
Number reinstated,	8
Number suspended,	23
Number demitted,	50
Number died,	19
Net gain,	228

"Of the Chartered Chapters 23 show an increase number of members; 5 show decrease in numbers and one had an equal loss and gain.

"The three largest Chapters in this jurisdiction are Sioux Falls Chapter No. 2, with 244 members; Aberdeen No. 14, with 150 members, and Mitchell No. 16, with 134 members.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

"*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of*
Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence would submit the following report:

"That we have considered the Decisions and Special Dispensations of the M. E. Grand High Priest and recommend that the same be approved.

"Relative to his recommendation upon the subject of recording Marks, your Committee considers that Section 22 of the By-Laws in relation to the matter is so very plain and peremptory in its requirements that additional legislation on the premises could not possibly strengthen it. If this plain By-Law is disregarded additional legislation would be equally ineffective.

"We also congratulate the M. E. Companion upon the success attending his administration of the affairs of Grand Chapter the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS G. LEVOY, P. G. H. P.
SYDNEY J. STAPLE (35),
O. F. EDWARDS (39),
Committee."

The report of the Committee on obituary is so beautifully expressed that I give it in full:

"Words are feeble things when we stand in the presence of the mystery of death. We can but turn our faces away, as our eyes fill with tears.

"How often we have stood beside the bed of death, and felt, even the strongest of us, our utter helplessness and despair. And yet—as some one has well said—"We know the body is not the man. Experience tells us that. It may be weak and crippled, torn and mangled, and yet the soul, the real life within, be unimpaired, consciousness tells us that. We know the body is of the earth, earthy.' 'Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.' We know it is not the body that thinks and loves and lives.

" 'And yet so strange is the mystery of human life, that only by a timid effort of the mind can we send one vision forth and think of the lone life of the soul, where, unchained, untrammelled and released, the spirit soars in all the vast environment of immortality.'

"Written upon the face of all nature is the truth of change from lower to higher. And for man, this thing called death so much feared and dreaded, is but the gateway through which we pass to our eternal birthright.

"Heavenly Father, in mine hour of mortal anguish,
When earth grows dim, and around me falls the night,
O breathe Thy peace, as flesh and spirit languish,
At that dread eventide let there be light."

Election of Officers.

The hour having arrived for the special order of business—(5.00 o'clock)—the election of Grand Officers—the Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed Companions Harvey J. Rice, Past Grand High Priest, and George Phillip (22) as tellers and the following named officers were declared elected for the ensuing Masonic year.

Companion John E. Hipple (22), M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion David A. Douglas, (36), V. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion Frank A. Brown, (14), R. E. Grand King, Companion Jacob J. Nissen, (1), R. E. Grand Scribe, Companion Bernard C. Jacobs, (4), R. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Geo. A. Pettigrew, (2,) R. E. Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Comp. L. G. Levoy, who fraternally notices Pennsylvania. He seems to think because $3000.00 is devoted annually to the Grand High Priest that, in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania that officer must live in luxury; far from it, he is a very hard worked man who visits up and down through our great State and the sum allotted to him is spent on the craft.

G. H.

VIRGINIA

The Centennial, or One Hundredth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Virginia convened in Masonic Temple, in the city of Norfolk, Va., this Monday evening, October 7th, A. L. 5907, A. D. 1907, A. I. 2437, at 8.30 o'clock, when, after prayer by Grand Chaplain James R. VanHorne, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in AMPLE FORM by M. E. Grand High Priest, Robert Minter Ferguson. The Grand High Priest is fittingly historic, in view of the fact of this being the Centennial of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia.

"This being the ONE HUNDREDTH meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, it seems appropriate that we should have a brief history of the Royal Arch Degree, and of the origin of this body.

"Our own Dr. John Dove, deceased, quotes Dr. Oliver as saying that the Royal Arch Degree originated in England about the year 1740.

"Prior to the year 1797, to quote M. Ex. Thomas S. Webb, the Royal Arch Degree was conferred under authority of a Master's Warrant.

"From Stillson's History of Freemasonry, (note at page 556), I quote: 'We have traced the Royal Arch Degree at Fredericksburg, Va., in 1753.' "

"If this be true, Virginia was probably the first State in the new world where the Royal Arch Degree was conferred.

"The same authority states that Cabin Point Royal Arch Lodge, in Virginia, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland April 5th, 1775. If this be true, that Chapter had gone out of existence prior to the formation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia in 1806.

"In the year 1797 the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was formed, and is consequently the oldest Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the United States.

"In January, 1798, representatives from Chapters in the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont and New York, met at Hartford, Connecticut, and formed the Grand Chapter of the Northern States. (Now the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES.)

"I find that there were at least three Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, authorized to confer the Royal Arch Degree, prior to March, 1772, to wit: Norfolk, Staunton and Richmond. These Chapters were doubtless acting under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

"A convention of Royal Arch Masons was held in the city of Norfolk, Virginia, on May 3rd, 1806, consisting of representatives from the Chapter at Norfolk and the Chapter at Richmond (now No. 3), at which it was determined to draw up a plan of Constitution for the government of the several Chapters in Virginia.

"A constitution was accordingly drawn and ordered submitted to the Chapters at Norfolk, Staunton, Richmond and Dumfries (now out of existence). This Constitution was ratified by the first three named Chapters, and accordingly a meeting was held in the city of Norfolk on May 1st, 1808, when THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH EXCELLENT AND SUPEREXCELLENT MASONS OF VIRGINIA was formally organized."

He issued the following:

"PROCLAMATION."

"*To the Several Royal Arch Chapters of the State of Virginia—Greeting.*

"WHEREAS, Through the efforts of Most Excellent Samuel W. Thompson Past Grand High Priest, who, at my request, was present at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, held in the city of Baltimore, on the 22nd day of November, 1906:

"And, Through the efforts of Most Excellent William J. Hubard, Past Grand High Priest, who represented me at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of North Carolina, held in the City of Greensboro, on the 14th day of May, 1907, the Grand Chapters of the States of North Carolina and Maryland have enacted laws similar to the one contained in Section 2 of our Methodical Digest; the Grand Chapters of

Kentucky and West Virginia having enacted a similar law some years since:

"*Therefore*, You are hereby authorized to entertain the petition of any citizen of the State of Maryland, or the State of North Carolina, or the State of Kentucky, or the State of West Virginia, who resides nearer, by the usual mode of travel, to any Chapter in the State of Virginia than to any Chapter in the petitioner's own State, and to confer the degrees upon such applicant, and to admit him to membership, as if such petitioner was legally residing within the State of Virginia, and within the jurisdiction of a Chapter duly chartered by the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

"You are hereby notified that the same law is applicable to cases of citizens of the State of Virginia, who may reside nearer, by usual mode of travel, to a Chapter of the State of Maryland, or the State of North Carolina, or the State of Kentucky, or the State of West Virginia, than to a Chapter subordinate to the Grand Chapter of the State of Virginia."

I give some interesting decisions;

" 'A Master Mason suspended for unmasonic conduct in the Blue Lodge, does that suspend him in the Chapter without action by the Chapter, and then if he is reinstated in the Blue Lodge, does that reinstate him in the Chapter, without action by the Chapter?'

"To which I replied as follows:

" 'Suspension by the Blue Lodge for unmasonic conduct, or for any other cause, *pro facto*, suspends the Companion in the Chapter. The suspension being for unmasonic conduct, reinstatement by the Blue Lodge does not reinstate to the rights and benefits of Masonry, or to membership in the Chapter. To be reinstated in the Chapter, the Companion must apply for reinstatement in accordance with Section 279."

"On March 25th, 1907, I received a communication from J. W. Leigh D. D. G. H. P., enclosing a letter from Companion Henry Dunnington, which reads as follows:

ROANOKE, VA., March 18, 1907.

"J. W. LEIGH, ESQ., D. D. G. H. P., *Roanoke, Va.*

R. E. SIR:

"I herewith enclose you a notice from Murray Chapter, No. 22. You will see that the name of the petitioner appears thereon. I would like to know if this is Masonic and according to law. Such was not the case when I was D. D. G. H. P. M. E. Conrad ruled that it was not Masonic, and would not permit the name of the petitioner to appear on notices sent

out by the Chapters. You are well aware of the fact that the Grand Lodge has ruled against it also. An early reply will be appreciated by

Yours fraternally, HENRY DUNNINGTON,"

"The document which Companion Dunnington enclosed contained a page which reads as follows:

" 'PETITIONS.' "

" 'Brother Richard A. Sinclair, member of Lakeland Lodge, No. 190, A. F. and A. M. Occupation, Clerk. Recommended and vouched for by Companions I. W. T. Ross and H. A. Tate.'

"I replied to this communication as follows:

" 'BRISTOL, VA., April 27, 1907.

'J. W. LEIGH, 223 *Third Street, N. E., Roanoke, Va.*

'DEAR COMPANION LEIGH:

'Replying further to your letter of March 20th, I do not like to rule positively on this question, because I can find nothing in the Digest or in previous decisions of other Bodies with reference to the question, and I would like to leave it until the next meeting of the Grand Chapter. However, for present purposes, my opinion is that it is not proper for the name of the candidate to be given in the notice. There is a prohibition against the disclosure, not only of the rejection of a candidate, but also as to how a member voted. If the name of the candidate is inserted in the notice, it is at least probable that the matter will become public, and if the candidate is rejected, it necessarily follows that the rejection would become public, and as secrecy is enjoined in all such matters, the name of the candidate, in my judgment, should not be disclosed in such a way as to become known to the public. I think the only thing that is due the members of the Chapter is that they have notice of the meeting, and that applications would be considered. I do not think it is proper or necessary to give the name of the candidate.

"I trust this is satisfactory, and I desire to state now that I shall recommend to the Grand Chapter next Fall the enactment of a section of the Digest specifically prohibiting the publication of names of any candidates for Degrees.

"You will note I did not finally pass on this matter, as I did not deem it urgent. I now recommend to the Grand Chapter the enactment of a section of the Digest which shall be known as section 175-a., and which shall read, when enacted, as follows:

" '175-a. No Chapter shall authorize or permit the publication of the name of any candidate for the degrees, whose name is to be balloted on at a future time.' "

It may be unlawful according to the Virginia Code, but I cannot see how it is unmasonic to permit the publication of candidates names.

He recommended as follows;

"I recommend the appointment of a Committee, at once, to digest the decisions of the Grand High Priests, their report to be made to the Grand High Priest promptly, so that they may be included in an appendix to the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, and that they be prepared in such a form that they may be detached if necessary, for the purpose of being affixed to the Digest. Under present conditions it is difficult, without considerable labor, to follow precedents.

"A resolution to amend Section 282-a will be offered at this meeting so as to provide that where the suspension by the Blue Lodge is for non-payment of dues, a reinstatement by the Blue Lodge to rights and benefits, and to membership shall also reinstate the member to rights and benefits and membership in the Chapter. I recommend the adoption of this section, believing that it is for the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry."

I give the closing sentence of this most admirable address:

"And now, my Companions, permit me to warn you all against allowing our zeal for the Order, or for our own particular Chapter, to lead us astray. The decisions I have been forced to make indicate a disposition on the part of some to overlook the true principles of Masonry, and rather to look at the commercial side of the Order. Look well to the ballot box. Be sure that the man you recommend will be a Mason at heart, as well as in name. Remember also, that we are to be good men and true. Regard your brother's welfare as your own. If he hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink. Take the principles of this great institution, 'The Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man' into your daily life. If a Brother stray from the straight and narrow path, go to him, remind him of his error, and if possible, aid a reformation.

"Finally, Companions, let us so spend the remaining span of life as that when the summons comes, we may receive the welcome plaudit, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'"

M. Ex. Companion Sol. L. Bloomberg submitted the report of the Finance Committee. So much thereof as referred to the salary of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Grand Committee of the Whole; the remainder was adopted. The report is as follows:

" 'RICHMOND, VA., October 3, 1907.

" '*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest,*

King and Scribe of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Virginia.

" 'Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that we have examined the books and vouchers of your Grand Treasurer and take pleasure in stating that we find them correct. The books are nicely and accurately kept and all disbursements sustained by proper vouchers. The receipts and disbursements are all itemized in the report of the Grand Treasurer, to be submitted to this Grand Chapter, and the balance of $129.88 called for therein is on deposit in The National State Bank of Richmond to the credit of the Grand Chapter.

" 'The property of the Grand Chapter consists of one set of Jewels and Paraphernalia, which originally cost $360.00, and one Six Hundred Dollars ($600.00) City of Richmond 4 per cent. Bond.

" 'Your committee would recommend that the salary of the Grand Treasurer be fixed at the sum of two hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly. Respectfully submitted,' "

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

"The hour fixed in Section 15 of the Methodical Digest for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Grand High Priest appointed Ex. Companions John R. Charleton and J. Johnston Green to act as tellers, who, having received and counted the ballots, announced the following Companions duly elected to the offices affixed to their respective names:

M. Ex. John Henry Fisher, . . . No. 14, *Grand High Priest.*
R. Ex. Wm. Baylor McChesney, . . " 2, *Grand King.*
R. Ex. Elias Lyons Guy, . . . " 1, *Grand Scribe.*
M. Ex. George Wilson Poe, . . . " 9, *Grand Treasurer.*
R. Ex. James Braxton Blanks, . . " 7, *Grand Secretary.*
57 Chapters, 5,051 Companions.' "

The Proceedings are contained in a handsome volume, with many portraits, which contains the Centennial celebration. The oration by Ex. Comp. R. T. Duke Jr. Past Grand Master A. F. and A. M. was worthy the occasion.

I quote a few sentences:

"The history of Virginia Capitulary Masonry for the past hundred years has been, therefore, peculiarly happy in that it has had nothing to record beyond the annals of peaceful existence and steady growth. No internecine strife has marred the sweet communion of brother with brother. Around its altar they have bowed, beholding the semblance of the Shekinah, rejoicing at the completion of good and square and true work. They have beheld ruin overcome the grandest structure in the universe, and out of its ruins they have seen the word of God recovered and His Temple glitter again on Mount Moriah. They have taught themselves as well as the neophyte lessons of self-denial, of endurance, of labor and of hope."

"And yet for a high ideal we should not hesitate to venture any fortune, to forego any delight. For the end—the end which every wise man should contemplate and none but the foolish fear—for the end will show us that only the ideal is real, only the dream is true. He who has had the highest ideal of right and love and purity and honor and truth and has taught it to the children of men: he who has dreamed ennobling dreams and has by his visions, well told, led men on to better and holier and wiser things—he it is who shall deserve and receive what the tired heart of humanity longs for and with which the wearied soul alone shall be satisfied—the Peace of God."

" 'Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.' "

The Committee on Correspondence quote very fully from our proceedings without comment.

G. H.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina assembled in Grand Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in Charleston, South Carolina, on Tuesday, the 12th day of February, 1907, at 12 M. Comp. Frank E. Harrison, M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Jacob T. Barron, R. E. Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Frank E. Harrison made a most excellent address. His opening remarks are admirable.

"Within this sacred retreat the toils and distractions of our daily avocations fade away. Released from their thraldom here, we cultivate the social side of life, and enlightened by the grand principles of Masonry we reflect upon the moral virtues which lift mankind above the brute creation. Here too, our hearts are filled with reverence as we contemplate the wisdom, power and holiness of our Divine Creator, and with thankfulness as we acknowledge His goodness towards us. We are met here to-day agreeably to His will to do something of His work. May the labors of this Convocation be pleasing in His sight and merit His 'well done.' "

Here is his only decision:

" 'Please advise me of your interpretation of Section CV., paragraph 4, page 17, of Grand Chapter by-laws reading thus: 'A new ballot is required in case a petitioner does not take the degrees one year after his election.'

" 'The petitioner was elected for the degrees in our Chapter some two years or more ago and took the Mark Master degree only. He was not objected to for any of the other degrees, but neglected to come when they were being conferred. Petitioner now desires to receive the three remaining degrees, and would like to receive the Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees on Friday evening, March 23rd, with some other candidates. Having received the Mark Master degree as stated above, is your interpretation of the law above quoted that he will have to come before the Chapter at a regular Convocation and be balloted on again? or is he still eligible for the other Chapter degrees without a second ballot?'

"In this instance my opinion is that a new ballot is not necessary since the candidate has taken one degree. It is within the power of any Companion present to prevent the advancement of a candidate to any degree by objecting thereto and stating his reasons therefor to the High Priest or to the Chapter, and this objection has all the force of a rejection by ballot.

"Since you desire to give this candidate the Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees at a called Convocation I would state this intention in the notice with which you call the Convocation, so that all the Companions may put on notice and if anyone desires to interpose objection he can be on hand and do so. This out of abundance of caution."

An election of officers for the ensuing year was then had, with the following result—

Comp. Joseph Lindsay, M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Wm. E. Gantt, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. Jas. L. Michie, R. E. Grand King, Comp. Rev. D. M. Fulton, R. E. Grand Chaplain, Comp. C. Frank Jackson, R. E. Grand Treasurer, Comp. Jacob T. Barron, R. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. Geo. S. Mower, R. E. Grand Scribe, Comp. Geo. T. Bryan, R. E. Grand Captain of the Host, Comp. E. S. Wingate, Grand Sentinel.

The Committee on Jurisprudence state that they cannot agree to this decision.

"Your Committee cannot agree to this decision. The By-Laws distinctly say 'a new ballot is required in case a petitioner does not take the *degrees* for one year after his election,' clearly meaning *all* the degrees. The same reason which would require a new ballot if the candidate did not take any degree would exist in case he failed to take only one. His life, in the meantime, may have been such as to render him unfit to be made a Royal Arch Mason, and for this reason the rule was adopted, so as to give every Companion the right to ballot on his advancement. If the naked objection of a Companion would have 'all the force of rejection by ballot,' there is no necessity to state his reasons for such objection either to High Priest or Chapter. And if the decision of the High Priest or Chapter should be that such objection was not valid, the reasons therefor being given, such decision would virtually deprive the objecting Companion of the benefit of his objection and force him into companionship with one he honestly believes is unworthy of such companionship. Besides, when one is balloted on in a Chapter, it is to take the Royal Arch degree, and the other degrees are merely incidental and necessary only to fit him for that degree. Hence, if he does not take that degree within the year, there should be a new ballot."

In my judgment the committee are right. No one man ought to, or is fully competent to decide finally all questions in Masonic Law. I could enlarge on this but it is not necessary.

The proceedings are embellished with fine portraits of several Past Grand High Priests.

The Committee on Correspondence, Comp. J. T. Barron,chairman,most fraternally reviews Pennsylvania and with sharpness and keenness takes issue with us on "Physical Perfection."

G. H.

WASHINGTON

On Friday, June 19th 1908, the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington, assembled in Twenty-Fourth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Tacoma, and was called to order by the M. E. Grand High Priest at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., who appointed E. Companion Thomas P. Hastie as Grand King, E. Companion William O. Nicholson as Grand Scribe, and M. E. William A. Fairweather as Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. Grand High Priest assisted by the proper officers,opened the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington in ample form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest ordered the roll of Chapters called and all were found to be represented except Sprague No. 6.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter fill a volume of 231 pages, and gives a fine engraving of Francis B. West, the M. E. Grand High Priest 1907. The address of M. E. Francis B. West is compact, and full of imformation showing him to have been a zealous worker.

I quote from his address:

"*Companions of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:*

"In accordance with the usage and custom of this Grand Chapter, it now becomes my pleasing duty to render you an account of my stewardship, and first let me bid you one and all a fraternal greeting and most cordial welcome to this, the Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Washington.

"I can, with truth, say that I fully realize the great responsibility you placed upon me, when, one year ago, by your unanimous suffrages, you placed the gavel in my hand and intrusted to me the interests of the Royal Craft. How well or ill I have acquitted myself time will tell. I can only say, whatever inefficiency you may note proceeded from the head and not the heart. No one with lofty ideals is able to accomplish all that his hopes may have planned or his ambition conceived. It is with gratitude to the Great I Am, that I am able to report un unbroken chain in our circle of Grand Officers. While Death has been busy in many of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, he has graciously passed us by; at the same time he has visited our Jurisdiction more frequently than we desire."

Substitutes for Royal Arch Degree.

"For good and sufficient reason the following dispensations were issued to Chapters to use one substitute in conferring the Royal Arch Degree.

"Ballard Chapter No. 26, for November 30th; Everett Chapter No. 24, for December 18th; Colville Chapter No. 20, for January 15th; Bellingham Chapter No. 12, for April 28th; Colfax Chapter No. 8, for April 27th.

"I approved change of By-Laws of following Chapters:

"Seattle No. 3—Sec. 1, Art. III. of the By-Laws be, and the same hereby is amended by striking out the words and figures, 'a fee of ten ($10) dollars,' where the same occurs in the ninth line thereof, substituting therefor the words, 'the full fee of fifty dollars.' "

"Davenport, Wash., Jan. 21, 1908.

"*F. B. West, Grand High Priest, R. A. M. of Washington;*

"M. E. Sir and Companion: Enclosed please find copy of an amendment offered to the By-Laws of Davenport Chapter No. 25, R. A. M., of this place. By unanimous vote I was instructed to call upon you for an opinion as to the legality and propriety of such an amendment. It was thought by some

Companions that the same was in conflict with some decision or law of the Grand Chapter.

Yours fraternally,

N. T. Caton,

Secy. of Davenport Chapter No. 25, R. A. M.

"The change would read:

" 'Ministers of the Gospel shall receive the degrees conferred in this Chapter upon payment of that portion of the fee *only*, which must be sent to the Grand Chapter.' "

Mt. Vernon, Wash., Jan. 24, A. D. 1908.

"*N. T. Canton, Secretary Davenport Chapter No. 25, R. A. M.*
Davenport, Wash.

" 'Dear Sir and Companion: Your amendment to Sec. 3, Art. 4, of your By-Laws, if adopted, would clearly be in conflict with Sec. 5, Art. 3, of Constitution of our Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter of this State has already decided the question of remitting fees to ministers. See pages 37 and 38, "The Law of R. A. Masonry in Washington, 1906." '

" 'As to the propriety of such an amendment will say, that it has been my experience, that any object achieved without effort and expense is not properly appreciated in the large majority of cases, and I feel that a minister should come into a Chapter of his own free will and accord, with no extra inducements, and on an equal footing with his brethren.

Yours fraternally,

Francis B. West,

Grand High Priest.

"The work in this jurisdiction is uniform. The General Grand Chapter work is fully established, and I found no special objections offered. It was witnessed on several occasions, and in my judgment, was rendered correctly and in a proper spirit—the spirit and intention to make it teach deep and lasting lessons of morality, fraternity and good citizenship, and free from any levity or disposition to treat the subject in any manner foreign to the intention of its originators. I congratulate the Royal Craft upon the high plane it has reached, the character of members it contains and the prosperity it is enjoying."

The report on Jurisprudence shows the ability of officers of Subordinate Chapters in the Jurisdiction of Washington.

"We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred those portions of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address pertaining to decisions and dispensations, would recommend that they be approved. The officers of the Subordinate Chapters within our Jurisdiction are to be complimented on the knowledge they have shown in the laws of this Grand Body, as the M. E. Grand High Priest has had not one decision to make during his term of office."

On motion and vote, the following report was adopted:

"Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report: That after considering the subject assigned to us, we are inclined to say that sorrow for the dead is the only sorrow from which we refuse to be divorced; every other wound we seek to heal, every other affliction to forget, but the misfortune of the loss of Companions we feel it our duty to retain in our memories, that we may emulate their virtues and bury their faults beneath the clods of the valley. No Companion is without faults, but those are not errors of the heart; but their virtues, their zeal in the cause of Masonry and the elevation of the human character, their steady, upright pursuit of truth, and exertions for the enlightenment of humanity, we could not, we would not, forget. Therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That while their bodies have been consigned to the tomb, their spirits have ascended on high, we should cherish their memories, engraved upon the tablets of our hearts, and assure their living relatives that they still live.

"*Resolved*, That suitable pages be set apart in the records of our proceedings as a perpetual record of our esteem and brotherly love and affection."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:—

"We, your Committee on Finance, would respectfully report as follows:

"We have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the year 1907-1908, and find the same correct as read in open Chapter. We recommend the appropriation of the following sums for the purposes herein stated:

Payment of Representatives to the present Convocation,	$506.13
Incidental expense of Grand Secretary, 1908-1909	85.00
G. Secretary's salary and Chm. Correspondence	600.00
Rev. William Pelan, Grand Chaplain,	10.00
W. A. Lord, Grand Sentinel,	5.00
	1,206.13

"We recommend that $250.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to be used by the Grand High Priest for expenses incurred in visiting the subordinate Chapters during the next year.

"Inasmuch as the jurisdiction is growing and the duties of the Grand Secry and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence are becoming greater, we would recommend that the salary of that official be increased $200.00.

"We would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, as introduced by Companion H. W. Tyler:

"*Resolved*, That Sec. 13 of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the words 'sixty-five' in the third line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'fifty.'—H. W. Tyler.

"*Resolved*, That the sum of $100.00 be appropriated for the relief of the widow and family of Ex-Companion James Crawford Smith, of Port Townsend.—H. W. Tyler.

Fraternally submitted,

COLIN CAMPBELL,
J. W. MCCREARY,
J. G. FRANKLAND,
Committee."

On motion and vote, the report was adopted.

On motion and vote, the Resolution as adopted in 1901, taxing 10 cents per capita for the Masonic Home Fund, was increased to 25 cents.

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

On motion and vote, the following was adopted:

"*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:*—

"Your Committee on Grievances beg leave to report that peace and harmony seems to exist throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, as there has been nothing referred to us for adjudication.

"Your Committee wishes to congratulate this Grand Chapter upon the continuance of prosperity."

I have given in full these extracts from The Proceedings, for they show not only prosperity but Harmony, and a deep fraternal feeling.

Washington has 27 Chapters and 2626 Comp. Royal Arch Masons. The Grand Chapter of Washington was organized in 1884, and has 20 living Past Grand High Priests having lost by death only 5. It may interest those Companions who have not the imformation, to note this:

MASONIC CALENDAR.

"Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it *Anno Lucis* (A. L.), 'In the Year of Light.' "

"Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish Chronology is used, *Anno Mundi*, (A. M.), 'In the Year of the World.' "

"Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second Temple was commenced by Zerrubabel, *Anno Inventionis* (A. Inv.), 'In the Year of Discovery.' "

"Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, *Anno Depositionis*, (A. Dep.), 'In the Year of Deposit.' "

"Knights Templars commence their era with the organization of their Order, *Anno Ordinis* (A. O.), 'In the Year of the Order.' "

"Order of High Priesthood date from the year of the Blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Melchisedek, *Anno Benedictionis* (A. B.), 'In the Year of Blessing.' "

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Yancey C. Blalock. As is his custom, he quotes, without comment, very fully from Pennsylvania. I am pleased that he agrees with me as to Reportorial work.

Robert L. McCroskey,Grand High Priest.

Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Secretary.

G. H.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in Masonic Temple in the City of Parkersburg, on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, A. D. 1907, A. L. 2437.

Comp. Joseph C. LeSage, M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. D. K. Reed, Past Grand High Priest, R. E. Grand Secretary.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest is very able, conveying many subjects. His views as to the dignity with which the Chapter Degrees should be given are well worth noting:

"There is yet in some Chapters a noticeable tendency to hurry the candidate through the Capitular degrees, notwithstanding the fact that such a course has been often deprecated by this Grand Chapter and my predecessors in office. There can be no real necessity for undue haste. A candidate can in almost every instance conveniently await the pleasure of the Chapter in the matter of conferring the degrees upon him. In this way a little time for thought is given the candidate, an opportunity for rehearsal is given the officers of the Chapter, and in every case the rendition of the ritual is more satisfactory and the impression on the candidate better than if he were rushed through with awhirl, and the beauty of the ritual marred by unwarranted omissions. I would therefore advise due deliberation in conferring the work, for I think nothing is quite so conducive of undesirable

results in the Chapter as unprepared and hastily delivered work; and the Chapter is indeed fortunate if the candidates thus milled through do not render in return just such service to the Chapter of which they are members as they have received during the progress of the degree work upon them.

"Complaint is made by visiting officers of too much levity being injected into the Royal Arch degree. They advise that it is customary in many of the Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction to force more or less levity into this important part of the work. It would seem that a thorough conception of the lessons to be derived from this degree would dispel such ideas from the minds of the companions, and teach them that the closer we observe the ritual and the sublime lessons therein contained, the better will be the impression made upon the candidate. It should be borne in mind that many candidates for these degrees accept seriously from the beginning, our forms and ceremonies, and that good impressions are often spoiled by using the candidate in such a manner as to impress him that advantages are being taken of him. This is a misconception of the purposes of the degree, and an actual detriment to the Chapter. Let the work adhere as closely to the ritual authorized by this Grand Chapter as possible, and let every officer maintain the dignity of his office to the extent that the candidate will be impressed with the seriousness of the ceremonies, and when the degree has been conferred he will realize that the work of the Royal Arch is full of meaning and sublimity, and that frivolity and farce have no place within the veils of our tabernacle."

Some curious questions come before Grand High Priests, for instance the following:

"Under date of February 7th I received a communication from Point Pleasant Chapter, No. 7, inquiring which of the two Chapters, Jerusalem, No. 3, or Point Pleasant, No. 7, had jurisdiction over the following Blue Lodges: Ashton, No. 12, Ripley, No. 16, Moriah, No. 38, and Cottageville, No. 54. The inquiry further stated that since a direct line from either of the Lodges mentioned, to the Chapter at Point Pleasant would penetrate a portion of the State of Ohio, could such lines thus drawn be considered in questions of jurisdiction. My answer to the foregoing was in substance as follows: 'The question of Capitular jurisdiction has not so much to do with the location of the various Blue Lodges in the State as it has to do with the residential location of the petitioner for Capitular degrees. Every candidate for these degrees must petition the Chapter nearest his actual bonafide residence unless the consent of such Chapter be obtained for the consideration of his petition by a Chapter in a more remote location. I take it for granted that nearness in this instance means a direct line, and even though a direct

line from the residence of the petitioner to the nearest Chapter might penetrate another State, yet such line must be observed. Since State boundaries have nothing to do with lines of direction and measurements of distance I shall hold that Section 13, Article 9, of the Constitution means a direct line from the residence of the petitioner to the Chapter to which he petitions, regardless of the route he travels, mode of conveyance, or States crossed to arrive at his destination. The residence, therefore, of the applicant and not the location of his Blue Lodge is the point at issue, and each case must be decided on its individual merits.

"Under date of June 29th I received a communication from the Secretary of Sisterville Chapter, No. 27, enclosing a letter from C. W. Boocks, of Adoniram Chapter, No. 11, in which inquiry was made concerning the manner in which a brother must proceed to obtain the Capitular degrees who had petitioned Sisterville Chapter, No. 27, and who had been elected to receive the degrees therein in October, 1905, and who prior to receiving the degrees had removed from the jurisdiction of said Chapter; said petitioner's year of eligibility having long since expired, during which time he had resided within the jurisdiction of Adoniram Chapter, No. 11. The particular point of inquiry being, to which of the two Chapters must the petitioner apply? To the above inquiry I replied to the Secretary of Sisterville Chapter, No. 27, on June 29, substantially as follows: 'Under Section 13 of the Constitution it is obvious that the brother must petition the Chapter nearest his fixed place of residence; but since he has once been elected to receive the degrees by Sisterville Chapter, No. 27, it is clear that that Chapter has quite as much jurisdictional authority over the Capitular destiny of the brother as though it had rejected him; hence I shall hold that in presenting his petition to the Chapter nearest his fixed place of residence he should state therein the facts connected with his former petition, with the result of the ballot taken, which facts should be duly referred to the Sisterville Chapter under seal, and a waiver requested. If it should be the sense of Sisterville Chapter to grant the waiver and transfer the fee paid to the Chapter entertaining the petition the same may be done, but the candidate must accompany his petition to the last Chapter with the regular fee prescribed by the by-laws thereof."

He gave several decisions of which the following is the most interesting:

"Under date of May 31st, 1907, I received a communication under seal from one of our Chapters, setting forth the fact that a certain Master Mason had applied for degrees and membership in a Chapter in Chicago, in which city he at that time resided. After his election, and prior to receiving said

degrees, he removed from Chicago to West Virginia. He petitioned a West Virginia Chapter, setting forth the facts, which Chapter after correspondence with the Chicago Chapter, received a waiver of jurisdiction, entertained his petition, and balloted thereon on September 10th, 1906, the result of the ballot being adverse to the candidate. He was advised to correspond with the Chicago Chapter, which Chapter informed him that since a waiver of jurisdiction had been granted by them to the Chapter in West Virginia, they considered him the West Virginia Chapter's material, and therefore subject to their disposal. The decision asked for was, whether or not the brother could re-petition the Chapter in West Virginia prior to September 10th, 1907. To this inquiry I replied substantially in the following manner:

" 'Since the actual residence of the petitioner is within the Jurisdiction of the West Virginia Chapter, he is of necessity their material, and more especially since a waiver was asked by them, and granted to them, by the Chapter in Chicago, the Chapter to which he first petitioned. Therefore, since this proceeding seems to have been regular and in conformity to the laws of both Jurisdictions, it would seem that the only question at issue is the right of ballot which some companion has exercised adversely to the candidate in this instance. Consequently, since no evidence has been submitted to show that the ballot was in any way irregular, or was availed of by any companion not entitled to exercise the prerogative, I must decide that the brother has been duly rejected for one Capitular year, and cannot re-petition the Chapter referred to, or any other Chapter in West Virginia until one full year has elapsed since he last applied.' "

Thirty-two Chapters.

Membership 1907, 4233.

Balance in treasury, $3,726.55.

The Committee on Correspondence reviews Pennsylvania quite fully giving at length the views of Past Grand High Priests Williams and Meredith. What he has to say under the Caption "Titles," is not only amusing but true.

"What with 'Most Worshipful,' 'Right Worshipful,' 'Most Excellent,' 'Right Excellent,' 'Thrice Illustrious,' 'Eminent Commander,' 'Generalissimo' and 'Potentate,' one's head swims. Cannot something be done to relieve the situation? We all feel half ashamed of these titles, and we know

that the public laughs at them—and us. We Masons have sowed the seed, and the countless other orders have raised a marvelous crop of high-sounding titles, from 'Noble Grand' down, or up. Even if we do have to call them by these horrid names, let us not print them in full in the Proceedings. Think of 'Past District Deputy Grand High Priest John Smith.' Poor John! Besides, it uses up all the capitals the printer has.

I quote also what he says in part, upon "Errors in Masonry."

"Honestly, did any Royal Arch Mason ever see any propriety in including the Past Master's degree in the Chapter curriculum? Its use was supposed to be to qualify the Master-elect of his Lodge in the proper discharge of the various duties of his office. There is no sort of kinship between it and Royal Arch Masonry. Some of the Grand Chapters do not confer it. So, too, the Order of High Priesthood has gradually crept into the Chapter in America. In some States it has no other connection with Royal Arch Masonry than that, as only High Priests, active or past, are eligible to membership in the Order, the Grand Chapters permit its records to be printed in their Proceedings. In others the connection is closer, the Order being fathered to a certain extent. And a few States make reception into the Order a prerequisite to holding the office of High Priest. Now this degree, while beautiful, has nothing more to do with Royal Arch Masonry than would one of the Odd Fellows' degrees. And it is establishing a dangerous precedent to allow it to become engrafted upon the Capitular system. In course of time other Orders, possibly the 'Eastern Star,' or the 'Heroines of Jerecho,' will find lodgement within our portals. In the Mark degree, the reading of the Scripture lesson in the section where the Craft are dissatisfied with their wages, is out of place and tantamount to sacrilege. In the veil work in the Royal Arch, the responses of the Principal Sojourner sound very like 'This is the house that Jack built.' The Burning Bush, relating to a time when the Children of Israel were still in bondage in Egypt, is too far away from the destruction of Jerusalem to be brought into the close proximity they hold in the Royal Arch. In the Red Cross, the Grand Council was *Jewish*, while Darius, who is supposed to have founded the Order, was a *heathen*. Besides, the whole degree rests upon a tradition recorded in one of the Apocryphal Books. And yet the Red Cross is grouped with the Order of *Christian* Knighthood.

"These are a few of the errors, inconsistencies and incongruities that mar Masonry. Let us not add to them."

My dear Comp. Baines you might have said much

more, it does me good to read what you have so well said. Do so some more.

G. H.

TENNESSEE

The seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Tennessee was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Nashville, commencing at 3 o'clock, P. M., Monday, January 27, A. D. 1908, Anno Inv.2438.

Most Excellent Samuel Slager, Grand High Priest, Right Excellent William A. Clendening, Grand Secretary.

The volume of proceedings has a fine engraving of the present Grand High Priest Charles Comstock. The retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Samuel Slager gave an address full of interesting matter. I give a circular letter sent to subordinate Chapters agreeable to a resolution passed by Grand Chapter at its last session.

"Nashville, March 15, 1907.

"*To the Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe and Companions of ..... Chapter, No. ..., R. A. M.*

"Dear Companions: At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Tennessee, held January 29, 1907, the following by-law was adopted, to be known as Article XLV of the by-laws of the Grand Chapter.

"Resolved, That the incoming Grand High Priest be authorized to divide the Jurisdiction into suitable districts, and select and commission the most suitable Companions obtainable in each of said districts to visit and inspect the degree work, the books of the Treasurer and Secretary, the financial condition, the paraphernalia, and in short, the entire condition of the Chapters in his district, and report the same in full to the Grand High Priest

before the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter; and it shall be the further duty of said inspector to give instructions to the Chapters in the ritual, when needed, thereby making them more efficient in their work.

"And in order to further assist in purifying the work and effectiveness of the Chapters, we recommend the adoption of the following:

"Resolved, That it is hereby considered a Masonic offense to use, or, for any High Priest to allow to be used, in the Chapter room during work any cipher or key, so-called, to the ritual which has been adopted by this Grand Chapter, and it is hereby made the duty of each inspector to report to the Grand High Priest at once any violation of this resolution. No Subordinate Chapter shall proceed to examine any visitor until he has produced satisfactory evidence of his membership and good standing in his own Chapter."

He made the following rulings:

Knoxville, Tenn., August 1, 1907.

MR. SAMUEL SLAGER, G. H. P., Memphis, Tenn.

"Dear Sir and Companion: Brother S. L. Harmon, a member of Masters Lodge 244, F. and A. M., of this city, was at work for the Southern Railway, temporarily, at Spencer, N. C., under the jurisdiction of Salisbury Chapter 20, R. A. M., Salisbury N. C., from the 22nd of November, 1905, to the 15th of December, 1906. Brother Harmon's family remained in Knoxville during this time and he retained this city as his home. While at Spencer, however, thinking he was in the jurisdiction of Salisbury Chapter, made application to that Chapter for the degrees; after filing his application, but before it had been acted upon by Salisbury Chapter, he learned that, Knoxville being his home, he was under the jurisdiction of Pearl Chapter, 24 R. A. M., of Knoxville, and asked that his application be withdrawn from Salisbury Chapter, which was refused him, and he was elected to receive the degrees in Salisbury Chapter.

"Brother Harmon has written Salisbury Chapter twice asking that they return fee paid them by him, which request has also been refused. He has returned to Knoxville, his home, and expects to remain here, and desires to petition Pearl Chapter for the degrees.

"He asks that you take the matter up with the Grand High Priest of North Carolina and have him take such steps as he deems proper to have Salisbury Chapter 20 return fee paid them by him.

Yours fraternally,

S. V. BOWDEN, Secretary.

N. C. LLEWELLYN, E. H. P.

Memphis, Tenn., August 30, 1907.

MR. N. C. LLEWELLYN, H. P., Knoxville, Tenn.

"My Dear Sir and Companion: Studying your letter carefully, I find that Salisbury Chapter cannot lawfully be forced to return petition and fee to Bro. S. L. Harmon, as the brother having resided in Spencer, N. C., over twelve months and when applying for membership to that Chapter evidently did not know that he would return to Knoxville to live, and although his family remained in Knoxville, his domicile after a period of twelve months at Spencer places him under the jurisdiction of Salisbury Chapter, and there would be no use to ask the Grand High Priest of North Carolina to intervene in this matter. I am satisfied he would hold the same view, as this is the law of the General Grand Chapter. Brother Harmon will have to take his degrees in that Chapter or forfeit his fees. I think, however, that if your Chapter would ask Salisbury Chapter to waive jursidiction over the brother they might as a matter of courtesy do it and turn the petition and fee over to your Chapter.

"I trust you will be able to arrange this matter amicably.

Fraternally yours,

SAMUEL SLAGER, G. H. P.

"Under date of December 6, 1907, I received a letter from Pearl Chapter 24, at Knoxville, asking whether it would be lawful for a Chapter to entertain a petition for degrees from a brother whose arm is off above the elbow; if not, would I grant a dispensation in such case.

"My ruling was that no petition can be entertained from a brother who is deformed, maimed, or imperfect in his limbs, or whose physical defects are such as to prevent him from conforming literally to all the requirements of the several degrees."

I give the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence in full, as it embodies the sense of Grand Chapter.

JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest and report of the inspectors, beg leave to submit the following:

We rejoice that the lives of all our Grand Officers have been spared during the year, and that we have continued peace, harmony and prosperity within our

own Jurisdiction, and our relations with our sister Jurisdictions are cordial and fraternal.

We note with sorrow the long roll of the distinguished dead in other Jurisdictions who have departed, and in token of our esteem for them ask that memorial pages in our printed proceedings be set apart to them.

We approve the commission issued to Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions to represent this Grand Chapter.

We approve of his several acts in granting and refusing dispensations.

We approve his zeal in the matter of official visitations, and believe that great and lasting good could be accomplished by not only more visitations by the M. E. Grand High Priest, but would be a further incentive to activity among the Companions if the R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, King and Scribe would think it not amiss to visit some of the Chapters as opportunity might offer.

We endorse and commend all he has said in reference to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and its support.

We most heartily commend what he has said in reference to a system of official inspection and visitation and herewith submit the reports as made to him by five of the six inspectors appointed for that purpose.

Without going into detail, we find a lamentable condition in many of the Chapters of this Jurisdiction; to-wit: Loose methods, poor equipments, lack of interest, inefficient and incompetent officers, and above all, spurious, illegal and improper methods of imparting the secret work of the Chapter. We think this should be stopped at once, if it takes the severest and most drastic methods to do so.

Not knowing our financial conditions, we are not prepared to say what expense we can go to in order that the Chapters may be instructed, but we think something should be done on this line, either by inspectors, the Grand Officers or an inspector for the State at large.

We are constrained to differ with the M. E. Grand High Priest in the matter of Brother S. L. Harmon. We think he had a right to withdraw his petition, and that Salisbury Chapter 20, R. A. M., Salisbury, N. C., should have permitted him to do so, and upon its refusal the M. E. Grand High Priest should have taken up the matter with the M. E. Grand High Priest of North Carolina.

We think the incoming Grand High Priest should take up the matter coming between our Grand Jurisdiction and the Grand Jurisdiction of Georgia as to Masons living on or near the line of the two States.

We recommend that a memorial page be set apart to our lamented and beloved Companions, Past Grand High Priest Gideon R. Gwynne, and P. G. High Priest W. S. Findlay.

We think the M. E. Grand High Priest correct in his ruling as to matter submitted by Pearl Chapter 24 at Knoxville.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. T. WILLIAMSON, Chairman.
E. S. MILLER.
F. C. WATKINS.

Supplemental report as to the following question:

How long must a brother reside in the Jurisdiction of Chapter before he is eligible to petition a Chapter?

We think he should be a bona fide resident within the Jurisdiction of the Chapter he petitions for a period of twelve months.

J. T. WILLIAMSON, Chairman.

There are 170 Chapters, with a membership of 4179 and a balance in the treasury of $4,837.34.

The first Grand High Priest is noted as of the year 1826, with 24 Past Grand High Priests living. This large number of the living is due probably to only one year service as Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Correspondence M. E. Comp. Past Grand High Priest, J. H. McClisten chairman submitted an interesting report, noticing freely Pennsylvania without much comment.

G. H.

VERMONT, 1908.

The Ninety-First Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont convened in Masonic Temple in the city of Burlington, at 10 o'clock A. M. on Friday, the 12th day of June, A. D. 1908, A. I. 2438.

The Grand Chapter was opened by M. E. Collins Blakely, Grand High Priest, in Ample form, with the assistance of the Grand Officers present.

M. E. Olin W. Daley, Grand High Priest, White River Junction, R. E. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary, Burlington.

The Proceedings are contained in a volume of over 150 pages and embellished by a fine portrait of Collins Blakely, Grand High Priest 1907-8. The address of the Grand High Priest is largely taken up with ample eulogy of "Our Fraternal Dead." He made only two decisions, as follows:

Decisions.

I have been asked by the secretary of one chapter if a companion could be elected to the office of High Priest without first having served as King or Scribe. I replied that any member of the chapter in good standing was eligible to that office. This, I believe, has been the general rule in practice.

"Q. What is the status of the companions under dispensation at Fair Haven?

A. "The petitioners for a new chapter at Fair Haven now under dispensation are still members of Poultney Chapter, but their active rights of participation in the business of said chapter, such as voting on petitions, motions, or resolutions, are suspended until such time as the Grand Chapter shall have determined whether a charter shall be granted them, and if the charter is refused, their rights become thereby fully restored without any further action from any source, but if they are granted a charter they become members of the new chapter. Their demissions become practically operative from the date of granting the dispensation for a new chapter, otherwise they would hold a dual relationship in the two chapters.

Q. "Is it proper for a chapter to attend as a body, a meeting for Masons at a church?

A. "I can see no reason why it will not be proper for a chapter to attend as a body, especially church services to which you refer. I would suggest, however, that you dispense with the wearing of regalia at such times. Since giving this reply, I find in the Grand Lodge proceedings of 1900, page 70, a decision in effect that it is proper for a lodge to attend church in regalia when the service is of a Masonic character. If this is established, of course, it would not be improper for Chapter Masons to attend as a body, wearing their regalia."

The District Deputy Grand High Priests attended to their work most faithfully, one of them well says:

"It has not been my purpose to criticise any individual chapter in this report; this I did when I visited them, which I deem the "proper time and place," but there are some things it seems to me proper to be said here, and this is one of them: I find a number of chapters that do not regulary open or close, but are at "refreshment" and simply "call on" and do their work and then "call off," as they term it. If this is not legal, it should not be allowed. Books are used that are not Vermont work, and this should not be, indeed book conferred Masonry does not make a very deep impression on a candidate.

"Then again, the sooner we bring the conferring of any and all of the degrees of Masonry up to the very highest standard of dignity and respect, the sooner we shall be able to fill our halls with willing workers anxious to help, aid and assist in teaching others the sublime tenets of our Order that lead to a true conception of what Masonry is."

The Committee on Necrology quote the beautiful prayer of the late Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of California. I can not refrain from giving it here:

"Great Architect of the Universe:—Creator, Ruler and Preserver of all that is—Thou from whom all proceed, to whom all must return.

"We would reverently raise our thoughts and aspirations toward Thee, at this time, when we have again met to renew the ties of brotherhood and companionship. We thank Thee for thy mercies in the past. Thou hast been with us through all the vicissitudes and experiences of our Royal Craft since its organization, and our labors for the good of our fellow men have been blest."

" Thou didst guide us through the terrible devastation—earthquake and conflagration—one year ago, and hast permitted us to again assemble to review the past and legislate for the future.

"And, Our Father, as we give Thee our thanks, so would we bring to Thee our sorrows. Faces that smiled upon us one year ago, and hands that met ours with the warm clasp of companionship are with us no more; they have gone before us over the silent river that divides between this life and the life beyond, and we watch in vain for the 'touch of the vanished hands and the sound of voices that are still'; and we do especially mourn the loss of one of our companions who went out from among us on the night before that awful morning, and who was never again seen by mortal eyes. May this bring

home to us again that lesson so often impressed upon us, that 'In the midst of life we are in death.'

"And, our Father, we would especially beseech Thee to enfold in Thine arms of tenderness and compassion those who were to him nearest and dearest and graciously lead them through the path of resignation to say from the heart 'Thy will be done.'

"And now, Our Father, help us to raise our souls still nearer to Thy Divine perfection as we pray in the words of the gentle Nazarene: 'Our Father,' etc."

Vermont has 29 Chartered Chapters and a membership June 1908 of 3922, and a balance in hand on its Treasury June 12, 1908 of $14,954.50.

The Committee appointed to secure a jewel for the retiring Grand High Priest most fittingly say (for while I was stuck particularly by the recognition of "our fraternal dead" the annual address gives evidence of a diligent and wise administration) as follows:

"A very eminent writer of former days said in substance that "It's not of mortals to command success, but we'll do more, we'll deserve it.

"Your success in the administration of the office of Grand High Priest has been *deserved*. Such I believe is the unanimous verdict of your co-laborers in their search for light and truth, and the attainment of the Mason's reward.

"In fitting recognition of this honorable distinction which it has been your pleasure to enjoy, the Grand Chapter of Vermont has procured for you a testimonial, this beautiful jewel, symbolical of the high office you have held, and by the courtesy of the Committee on Jewels it is my personal privilege to pass it over into your hands, trusting that on many appropriate occasions it may adorn your honored breast."

The report of the committee on Correspondence is by Comp. Marsh O. Perkins who reviews Pennsylvania quite at length and favorably giving an admirable summary of our proceedings. I have read with pleasure all he has to say about other Jurisdictions, and have learned how hard it is for Jurisdictions, doing or

attempting to do the Ritual work of the General Grand Chapter, to submit or even heartily agree upon the carrying out the work. The hardest lesson a Mason has to learn is the one of Uniformity, especially when there is a great extent of Territory with diverse conditions, old habits, and former customs to overcome.

G. H.

Conclusion.

The field is garnered; but one of the reapers could not enter the standing grain and his share of our labors fell to another. The song of the Harvest Home can not be sung. We bring our sheaves in silence and our grief has no voice.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion Matthias Holstein Henderson, the able Chairman of this committee has passed from the scenes of earthly labor. His cheery voice will be heard no more in the harvest field. His sheaves, heavy with grain, another has gathered. Happy is it for Grand Chapter that another reaper was ready to take up the work.

To Past Grand High Priest, Companion J. Henry Williams, who has borne the burden and heat of the day, and has not complained of his reward, is due the thanks of the rest of the Committee and the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for his loving service in this time of need.

S. B.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Henry Williams,
Thomas F. Penman.
Robert E. Umbel,
James W. Hughes,
George Hale,
Committee

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1795-1908.

Year.	First Grand Chief.	Second Grand Chief.	Third Grand Chief	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1795	William Ball				
1796	William M. Smith				
1797	"	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBarbier Duplessi
1798	Jonathan B. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts

Year.	Grand High Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1825	Michael Nisbet	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer	Nathan R. Potts
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	"	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	"	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	"
1833	"	"	"	"	John M. Read
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	"
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	"
1837	"	"	"	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1838	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1842	"	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1843	William Whitney	William Barger	John G. Russell	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1844	"	"	John W. McGrath	"	"
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	"	"
1851	"	"	"	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	Robert Frazer	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	Ant. Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"

Year.	Grand High Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jere. L. Hutchinson	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	"	"
1859	"	"	"	"	"
1860	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"
1861	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1862	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1863	"	"	"	"	"
1864	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	John Thomson
1868	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	"
1869	"	"	"	"	"
1870	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1871	"	"	"	"	"
1872	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1873	"	"	"	"	"
1874	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1875	"	"	"	"	"
1876	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	"	"
1877	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	Wm. C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	"	"
1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1886	"	"	"	"	"
1887	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	"	"
1888	"	"	"	"	"

1889	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	"	"
1890	"	"	"	"	"
1891	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	"	"
1892	"	"	"	"	"
1893	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1894	"	"	"	"	Charles Cary
1895	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	"	"
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	"	"
1898	"	"	"	"	"
1899	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	"	"
1904	"	"	"	"	"
1905	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	"	"
1906	"	"	"	"	"
1907	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	"	"
1908	"	"	"	Edward B. Spencer	"
1909	Carl A. Sundstrom	A.G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	"	"

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1908.

Its Chapters, Place and Time of Meeting, and Secretaries.

No.	Name	Constituted in	Place of Meeting	Time of Meeting	Name and Address of Secretary
3	Jerusalem	1758	Philadelphia	Third Monday	Stanislaus Remak, Philadelphia.
21	Perseverance	1827	Harrisburg	First Monday	Charles C. Schriver, Harrisburg.
43		1826	Lancaster	Third Thursday	William L. Marshall, Lancaster.
52	Harmony	1794	Philadelphia	First Friday	Alexander McCune, Philadelphia.
91	Columbia	1822	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	Charles F. Wignall, Philadelphia.
150	Washington	1827	Washington	First Thursday	John W. McDowell, Washington.
152	Reading	1827	Reading	Second Monday	Nevin M. Davis, Reading.
159	Schuylkill	1838	Minersville	Third Thursday	William H. Callender, Minersville.
161	Union	1845	Towanda	Second Wednesday	John W. Codding, Towanda.
162	Zerubbabel	1836	Pittsburgh	First Tuesday	Samuel R. Caskey, Pittsburgh.
163	La Fayette	1848	Lock Haven	Third Thursday	John Noble, Lock Haven.
164	Brownsville	1849	Brownsville	Second Tuesday	William Seddon, Brownsville.
165	Union	1849	Uniontown	Second Thursday	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown.
166	Mt. Moriah	1849	Hollidaysburg	Third Tuesday	Harry M. Henshey, Hollidaysburg.
167	Eureka	1849	Rochester	Friday after full moon	James W. Doncaster, Rochester.
169	Philadelphia	1850	Philadelphia	Second Wednesday	John M. Zook, Philadelphia.
170	Delta	1851	New Castle	First Tuesday	Edward L. Smith, New Castle.
171	St. John's	1852	Carlisle	Third Thursday	William A. Kamarer, Carlisle.
172	Temple	1853	Tunkhannock	Monday after full moon	Draper Billings, Tunkhannock.
173	Easton	1853	Easton	Second Thursday	Edward B. Arndt, Easton.
174	Northumberland	1853	Sunbury	Tuesday after full moon	Jacob R. Cressinger, Sunbury.
175	Keystone	1853	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia
176	George Washington	1854	Chambersburg	Third Monday	Edmund J. Heart, Chambersburg.
177	Tamaqua	1854	Tamaqua	Friday after full moon	James W. Kershner, Tamaqua.
178	Catawissa	1855	Catawissa	Second Wednesday	Luther B. Kline, Catawissa.
179	Eureka	1855	Carbondale	Last Friday	Horace G. Likeley, Carbondale.
180	Warren	1854	Montrose	Wednesday after full moon	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose.
181	Lilly	1855	Mauch Chunk	Third Tuesday	Laird H. Barber, Mauch Chunk.

182	Shekinah	1856	Wilkes-Barre	Third Monday	John G. Torborg, Wilkes-Barre.
183	Oriental	1856	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	Stockton Bates, Philadelphia.
185	Lackawanna	1856	Scranton	Second Tuesday	James Francis Wardle, Scranton.
186	Lewistown	1856	Lewistown	Third Tuesday	W. F. Eckbert, Jr., Lewistown.
187	Oriental	1856	Conneautville	Third Friday	Wm. E. Wormald, Conneautville.
189	Mountain	1858	Altoona	First Thursday	Timothy Davis, Altoona.
190	Norristown	1858	Norristown	Second Monday	William E. Perry, Norristown.
191	Solomon	1858	Meadville	First Tuesday	James D. Roberts, Meadville.
192	Urania	1859	Greensburg	Thursday after third Tuesday	R. Kay Portser, Greensburg.
193	Duquesne	1859	Pittsburgh	Second Friday	William J. Carson, Pittsburgh.
194	Tioga	1859	Wellsboro	Second Tuesday	Francis M. Sheffer, Wellsboro.
195	Portage	1859	Johnstown	Third Tuesday	Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown.
196	Mountain City	1859	Pottsville	Fourth Monday	Isaac Sotzin, Pottsville.
197	Weidle	1860	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	William Winfred Walter, Lebanon.
198	Phœnix	1861	Phœnixville	Saturday after full moon	Edwin H. McAllister, Phœnixville.
199	Howell	1864	York	Sec. Wednesday after first Monday	David P. Shultz, York.
200	Columbus	1865	Corry	Second Tuesday	James C. Satterlee, Corry.
201	Standing Stone	1865	Huntingdon	Third Monday	William L. Johnson, Huntingdon.
202	Howell	1866	West Chester	Second Monday	Barclay Lear, West Chester.
203	Allen	1866	Allentown	First Monday	John F. Wenner, Allentown.
204	Anthony Wayne	1866	Honesdale	Tuesday on or after full moon	Arthur M. Leine, Honesdale.
205	Factoryville	1866	Factoryville	Thursday on or before full moon	Fred M. Francis, Dalton.
206	Harmony	1866	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	George B. Johnston, Beaver Falls.
207	Aaron	1866	Titusville	Third Friday	John S. Bradley, Titusville.
208	Germantown	1866	Germantown, Phila.	Third Monday	E. R. Stevens, Germantown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1866	Mechanicsburg	Second Monday	Harry C. Harper, Mechanicsburg.
210	Great Bend	1866	Great Bend	Second Thursday	Thomas Summerton, Great Bend.
211	Venango	1866	Franklin	Second Friday	Charles D. Elliott, Franklin.
212	Mound	1866	Greenville	Fourth Monday	Fred. W. Moser, Greenville.
214	Valley	1867	Plymouth	Fourth Friday	Samuel U. Shaffer, Plymouth.
215	Temple	1867	Erie	Second Friday	Calvin K. Dickinson, Erie.
216	Zinzendorf	1867	Bethlehem	Second Tuesday	Matthew J. Schmid, Bethlehem.
217	Allegheny	1868	Allegheny	First Friday	Harvey P. Wylie, Allegheny.
218	Bloomsburg	1868	Bloomsburg	First Thursday	George E. Wilbur, Bloomsburg
219	Griscom	1868	Ashland	Third Thursday	James Magrady, Locust Gap.
220	Fort Washington	1868	Fort Washington	Saturday after full moon	John A. Wentz, Fort Washington.

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221	Tremont	1869	Tremont	Third Thursday	Joseph Maguire, Tremont.
222	Lycoming	1869	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport,
223	Oxford	1869	Oxford	Wednesday after full moon	Morrison E. Snodgrass, Oxford.
224	Corinthian	1869	Columbia	Second Tuesday	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia.
225	Jefferson	1869	Brookville	First Monday	Cyrus H. Blood, Brookville.
226	Siloam	1869	Frankford, Phila.	Third Wednesday	Samuel Y. Dingee, Tacony, Phila.
227	Emporium	1870	Emporium	Third Tuesday	John D. Logan, Emporium.
228	Clearfield	1870	Clearfield	Third Friday	Frank Urey, Clearfield.
230	Elk	1870	Ridgway	Third Tuesday	George L. McCracken, Ridgway.
232	St. John	1871	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	William F. Tracy, Philadelphia.
233	Kensington	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Harry H. Brown, Philadelphia.
234	Media	1871	Media	Fourth Monday	Stephen H. Appleton, Media.
235	Occidental	1871	Warren	Second Monday	I. Henry Mott, Warren.
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City	Third Monday	Henry C. Goldsborough, Oil City.
237	Excelsior	1871	Reading	Third Tuesday	Thomas E. Weber, Reading.
238	Newport	1872	Newport	Monday after full moon	Melvin W. Watson, Newport.
239	Danville	1872	Danville	First Monday	William G. Kramer, Danville.
240	Palestine	1872	Philadelphia	Second Friday	Edward R. Marsh, Philadelphia.
241	Bellefonte	1872	Bellefonte	First Friday	Charles Theodore Noll, Bellefonte.
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	Second Thursday	Louis P. Bierly, West Pittston.
243	T. B. Freeman	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia.
244	Norman	1873	Sharon	Second Friday	Edward J. Murchie, Sharon.
245	Abington	1873	Jenkintown	Third Tuesday	James W. Hunsberger, Weldon.
246	Warrior Run	1874	Watsontown	Wednesday after full moon	Fred. A. Reen, Watsontown.
247	Orient	1874	Kittanning	Second Monday	William F. Rupp, Kittanning.
248	Temple	1874	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia.
249	Monongahela	1874	Monongahela	Third Thursday	John P. Norman, Monongahela.
250	Corinthian	1874	Philadelphia	First Monday	William Ross, Philadelphia.
251	Signet	1874	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	William C. Ash, Philadelphia.
252	Mizpah	1875	Mahanoy City	Fourth Thursday	Phaon Hermany, Mahanoy City.
254	Arnold	1877	Port Allegany	Second Tuesday	Geary S. Wallace, Port Allegany.
255	Bedford	1876	Bedford	Third Thursday	D. Cress Reiley, Bedford.

256	University	1877	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	J. Milton Lutz, Llanerch.
257	Shiloh	1877	Pittsburgh	Third Monday	George W. Robitzer, Pittsburgh.
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Third Tuesday	Edward A. Price, Jr., Media.
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday	Henry S. Lockart, Shippensville.
260	Bradford	1880	Bradford	Third Thursday	Ambrose D. Sloan, Bradford.
261	Troy	1882	Troy	Second Tuesday	C. N. Greene, Troy, Bradford Co.
262	Montgomery	1882	Ardmore	Third Thursday	Isaac A. Cleaver, Ardmore.
263	Coudersport	1882	Coudersport	First Wednesday	Lalon R. Bliss, Coudersport.
264	Shamokin	1883	Shamokin	Second Wednesday	John B. Savidge, Shamokin.
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	First Friday	William A. Ritter, Westfield.
266	Good Samaritan	1886	Gettysburg	Third Thursday	Dan A. Skelly, Gettysburg.
267	Coatesville	1887	Coatesville	Second Tuesday	J. Howard Coates, Coatesville.
268	Pittsburgh	1888	Pittsburgh	Second Monday	Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburgh.
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Wednesday	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses.
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Tuesday on or before full moon	Fred'k. Constantine, Doylestown.
271	Pottstown	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday	Timothy Shive, Pottstown.
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale	Second Monday	Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale.
273	Butler	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday	William A. Stein, Butler.
274	Bangor	1891	Bangor	Third Wednesday	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor.
275	Kennett	1892	Kennett Square	Wednesday after full moon	P. H. Bratton, Kennett Square.
276	The Susquehanna	1892	Susquehanna	Second Friday	Geo. W. Gleason, Susquehanna.
277	Hazleton	1893	Hazleton	Third Monday	Ambrose W. Mason, Hazleton.
278	Catasauqua	1894	Catasauqua	Second Monday	Edmund Randall, Catasauqua.
279	Kane	1895	Kane	Third Wednesday	Charles A. Dickinson, Kane.
280	Cyrus	1898	Carnegie	Third Thursday	William A. Love, Carnegie.
281	Monroe	1898	Stroudsburg	Second Friday	Benjamin F. Morey, Stroudsburg.
282	McKeesport	1899	McKeesport	Second Thursday	Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport.
283	Connellsville	1900	Connellsville	Second Thursday	S. G. Zimmerman, Connellsville.
284	Melita	1903	Philadelphia	Second Monday	Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia.
285	Wilkinsburg	1904	Wilkinsburg	Second Friday	Albert W. Nicholson, Wilkinsburg.
286	Bellevue	1904	Bellevue	Second Friday	Seward M. Ward, Bellevue
287	Nanticoke	1908	Nanticoke	Second Tuesday	Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke,
288	Mizpeh	1908	Pittsburgh, N.S.	Second Tuesday	Geo. R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N.S.
289	Valley	1908	Wilmerding	Second Friday	John T. Small, Wilmerding.
290	Monessen	1908	Monessen	Second Tuesday	Chauncey S. Duvall, Monessen.

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91	Columbia	1825	Philadelphia	Second Monday	William P. Buzby, Philadelphia.
214	Girard	1847	Philadelphia	Second Tuesday	Thos. S. Woodbury, Philadelphia.
216	Excelsior	1854	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	Samuel W. Wray, Philadelphia.

STATISTICS

From General Returns of Chapters to December 27, 1908.

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
3	Jerusalem,	65	13	7	1	1	562
21	Perseverance,	10		4			247
43		17		7			306
52	Harmony,	60	12	26	10	17	1,214
91	Columbia,	41	7	9	1	5	692
150	Washington,	13	1	2	1		258
152	Reading,	6	4	1		4	236
159	Schuylkill,	4		3			44
161	Union,	10		1	1		233
162	Zerrubabel,	72	3	20	2	2	1,116
163	LaFayette,	5		2		5	118
164	Brownsville,	14		1	8	1	145
165	Union,	7		1	1		221
166	Mount Moriah,	3		1		2	100
167	Eureka,	19		2			147
169	Philadelphia,	21	2	9	6		277
170	Delta,	10	1	1	1	6	322
171	St. John's,	9		1	1	3	121
172	Temple,	2	1	1		10	100
173	Easton,	17	2	5	1		276
174	Northumberland,	9		3	1	1	108
175	Keystone,	29	8	12	3	7	570
176	George Washington,	5	1	3	1	4	114
177	Tamaqua,	2		1			63
178	Catawissa,	3					34
179	Eureka,	7		5	2	2	150
180	Warren,	1		1			34
181	Lilly,	7		1			128
182	Shekinah,	16	8	5	3	12	375
183	Oriental,	50	10	26	8		1,181
185	Lackawanna,	22	7	5	4	11	442
186	Lewistown,	4		1			96
187	Oriental,	14		1			91
189	Mountain,	16	1	6	1		345
190	Norristown,	14		7		1	391
191	Solomon,	9			1		89

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192	Urania,	12		3			314
193	Duquesne,	49	2	13	6	7	868
194	Tioga,	6		2			66
195	Portage,	11		1	2		196
196	Mountain City,	12		5			154
197	Weidle,	8		4		1	142
198	Phœnix,	7		4		1	221
199	Howell,	19	3	2	1	4	229
200	Columbus,			1	2	4	92
201	Standing Stone,						98
202	Howell,	8	1	1			117
203	Allen,	27	1	5			277
204	Anthony Wayne,	3	1	1			74
205	Factoryville,	9		1	1		71
206	Harmony,	21	2				147
207	Aaron,	1		1	1		57
208	Germantown	32	4	4	1		284
209	Samuel C. Perkins,	2		2			74
210	Great Bend,	3		1	1		39
211	Venango,	12		5		1	212
212	Mound,	13	1	4	1	1	162
214	Valley,	7	1	1	3	1	81
215	Temple,	44	10	5	1	4	318
216	Zinzendorf.	19	2	1	1	1	145
217	Allegheny,	38	3	10	87	7	749
218	Bloomsburg,	6		3			83
219	Griscom,	5			1		103
220	Fort Washington,	8	2			1	49
221	Tremont,	3		2			79
222	Lycoming,	25	2	4	1	2	373
223	Oxford,	7	1	2	1	2	100
224	Corinthian,	2		2	1		122
225	Jefferson,	6		4	2		257
226	Siloam,	24	1	5	4	2	242
227	Emporium,	10		1			93
228	Clearfield,	5		3			174
230	Elk,	3			2	5	135
232	St. John,	9	5	7	2	8	274
233	Kensington,	13	1	17	4		521
234	Media,	5		3	1	2	99
235	Occidental,	4	6	2		3	146
236	Oil City,	33	1	2	1		213

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237	Excelsior,	14	3	4	2	3	440
238	Newport,	4		1			65
239	Danville,	2	3	1			81
240	Palestine,	35	8	7	4	5	551
241	Bellefonte,			3	1		102
242	Pittston,	19	2	4	2	2	142
243	T. B. Freeman,	41	6	13	3		777
244	Norman,	12	1	5		1	176
245	Abington,	10		1		3	89
246	Warrior Run,	15	1	2	1		118
247	Orient,	6		4	1		251
248	Temple,	18	1	9	1	1	285
249	Monongahela,	12	1	1	49	7	186
250	Corinthian,	17	7	4	2	20	345
251	Signet,	14	8	2			202
252	Mizpah,	6			1		99
254	Arnold,	4	1				37
255	Bedford,	4					80
256	University,	69	25	8			541
257	Shiloh,	30	10	9	13		592
258	Chester,	28		6	2		352
259	Eden,	10		3	1		163
260	Bradford,	10	2	4	3	2	289
261	Troy,			2		1	64
262	Montgomery,	15	2	3		3	192
263	Coudersport.	3	1	1			71
264	Shamokin,	2	3	1	1		129
265	Westfield,		2			2	36
266	Good Samaritan,	6		1			104
267	Coatesville.	9		1	2		145
268	Pittsburgh,	45		6	11		468
269	Ulysses,	2	1			3	37
270	Doylestown,	8			1		114
271	Pottstown,	8		3	1		149
272	Hebron,	2		2			79
273	Butler,	11	2	2	3	2	196
274	Bangor,	13	1			1	82
275	Kennett,	1		2			52
276	The Susquehanna,	2		2			74
277	Hazleton,	6	1	1	2		154
278	Catasauqua,	18				1	149
279	Kane,	4		1	1		76

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
280	Cyrus,	26	3	1	5	1	252
281	Monroe,	6		7	1		108
282	McKeesport,	42	1	2	21	5	405
283	Connellsville,	14			1		124
284	Melita,	54	10	6	4		438
285	Wilkinsburg,	23	3	1	9	4	247
286	Bellevue,	24	2	1	1		177
287	Nanticoke,	9					31
288	Mizpeh,	44		1			148
289	Valley,	30	5				81
290	Monessen,		3	2			53
		1,951	250	455	336	218	29,594

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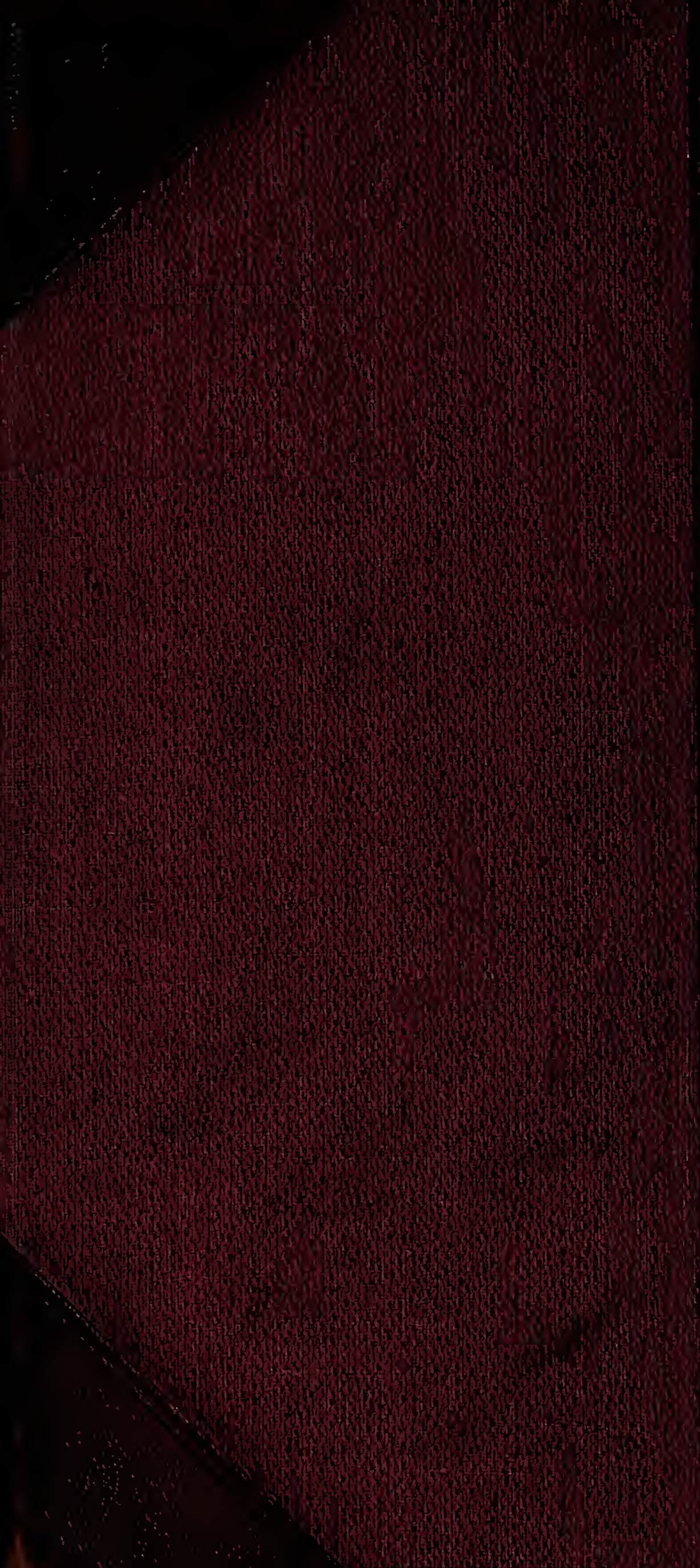
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